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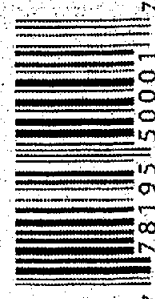
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# Santa honours Kermode

IN A DISPLAY of solidarity with the northwest, Santa Claus has made the region's famous white-furred Kermode bear an honorary reindeer.

"It strikes me that at a time when the northwest faces economic and other challenges, a connection, even symbolic, between myself and the region is needed," said Santa in an interview from the North Pole last week.

"Some of my biggest supporters live in the northwest and it only makes sense to try to repay that support in some fashion," the red-suited jolly man said.

Santa said he was driven to make the Kermode bear an honorary reindeer after B.C. Liberals, meeting in convention in Whistler several months ago, refused to endorse a northwest motion to back

having the bear be named a symbol of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

"Personally, I was shocked," said Santa. "Here was something that could have brought some good news to the northwest and they couldn't do it. What kind of message does that send?"

"So it only made sense that one northern area, the North Pole, step up and connect with another northern area," he continued.

"And, you know, this Olympics thing seems to be a lot of flash and no substance. It's going to cost several billion dollars and I'm wondering what it will really accomplish. Santa's here forever. Those Olympics are not."

Santa said he was also disappointed that lawyers for the Olympics are threat-

ening people with lawsuits who use the word 'Olympics' or even the number '2010' in promoting products and services.

**"We'll be making a special stop on Prince Royal Island where the Kermode lives."**

"If the Olympics are supposed to make people feel good, what's that all about?" he said. "I let anybody use the words 'Santa Claus' or 'North Pole'. We have freedom of speech up here at the North

Pole."

The honorary reindeer title bestowed upon the Kermode bear is believed to be the first ever move of this type made by Santa Claus.

"I talked it over first with Rudolf, Dasher, Dancer and the other reindeer. They loved the idea. They didn't want the Kermode to have the feeling nobody cared. They do care and this is how they are showing it," said Santa.

The Kermode will receive a custom-made set of sleigh bells and a red nose specifically designed so it will fit properly. They were crafted by the elves in Santa's Workshop on their own time.

"We're going to present these items on our swing through the northwest,"

said Santa. "We'll be making a special stop on Princess Royal Island where the Kermode lives."

And if the Kermode wants to join in on the various stops in the northwest, Santa and the reindeer will be more than happy to oblige.

"Kermode with your nose so bright, won't you guide our sleigh tonight. Has a nice ring to it, don't you think?" Santa added.

But Santa's not sure if the Kermode will accompany him down any chimneys to deliver presents.

"I'm big and it's a challenge for me at the best of times. Somebody the size of Kermode? I don't know about that. That could be a problem."



## Salutations from 90° south

HE MADE IT: Eric Duncan sends his Christmas greetings all the way from the frosty South Pole. The 22-year-old cook recently arrived at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole research station, where he'll be working for the next year. From Holland to Thailand, from the Middle East to Antarctica, readers have emailed their seasons greetings to Terrace from all over the planet. See pages A5, C1 and C2. For more on how Eric's been faring in his new surroundings, turn to page C10.

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## Gov't ponders help for Terrace

THE PROVINCE could offer special aid for towns hit by the New Skeena Forest Products bankruptcy, says Skeena MLA Roger Harris.

He also remains optimistic that the province will wipe out the need for municipalities to repay more than \$5 million in school and B.C. assessment taxes.

In the summer cabinet had indicated it was prepared to forgive the taxes as part of any deal by a purchaser to take over New Skeena.

The bids fell through and the company toppled into bankruptcy in September.

But Harris believes the intent of the province remains to assist.

As it stands, the towns are still required to pay Victoria the money New Skeena owes in unpaid school taxes, even though the municipalities will never collect that tax.

"It's unreasonable in this scenario for municipalities to remit a tax that has provincial application when they're not collecting it," Harris said. "It's an extra double whammy."

He said Murray Coell, the minister who over-

sees municipal affairs, now appears to be considering going beyond school tax relief.

"They're looking at whether there is other assistance the province can bring," Harris said.

Officials in Coell's ministry have said that effort is proceeding under the ministry's community transition services department.

The first step will be to carry out a study, they said, declining to say how much money may be available.

So far the community, aboriginal and women's services ministry is examining the situation in Prince Rupert and Port Edward.

Officials said transition money has been used to help when major employers pulled out of towns such as Gold River, Tahsis and Tumbler Ridge.

Harris said the Municipal Finance Authority — the organization that acts like a credit union of all B.C. towns and cities may also play a role.

Harris said it has an exceptionally good credit rating, better than the federal government or any province, and will be motivated to ensure there is no chance of financial collapse by any member

municipality.

Harris said any assistance plan has to be equitable, not geared solely for Prince Rupert, which is owed \$25 million of the \$30 million New Skeena has failed to pay northwest towns.

A further complication, he said, is that some towns, such as Terrace, stopped counting on the New Skeena taxes quickly and have adjusted their finances accordingly. Prince Rupert intensified its crisis by borrowing more money against the expectation of eventual payment of New Skeena taxes.

"It is complex because some municipalities bit the bullet earlier than others," Harris said. "Whatever the province does has to be equitable to each of the communities and based on some strong principles."

Fairness is also important in dealing with the school property taxes, Harris said, because some towns may have already paid the money to Victoria.

"We may have forgiveness in one part of the world and a rebate in others," he said.

## Familiar faces bid for mill

THREE FORMER Repap executives who once worked for George Petty are bidding to buy New Skeena's Terrace sawmill out of bankruptcy.

Harry Papushka, Rudy Schwartz and Russ Jenkins — all former business associates of Petty and Dan Veniez — are one of three groups negotiating with the receiver and the city, says local logging contractor Lloyd Hull and others close to the discussions.

"Those three guys are the front running bid," Hull said, adding he has concerns if they gain control.

"I'm getting a little tired of Repap and their cronies," said Hull, declining to elaborate further.

Petty's Repap Enterprises controlled Skeena Cellulose from the late 1980s, when it oversaw the modernization of the sawmill here, until the B.C. arm collapsed under massive debts in 1997.

Hull's company, Don Hull and Sons Contracting, could end up allied with a rival bidder for the mill.

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# City gives chief exec a hefty pay raise

CHRISTMAS came early for some of the city's top managers in the form of hefty pay increases approved by city council.

The biggest beneficiary is chief administrative officer Ron Poole, who will now be paid \$115,000 a year — a 30 per cent increase from his old salary of \$88,400.

Mayor Jack Talstra said the raise brings that position up to the average level paid at other similar sized B.C. cities.

Poole has also gained added responsibilities, taking on much of the work previously done by the city's special projects director.

That position wasn't replaced when Paul Gippis, who held the \$69,000 per year job, went to Houston this fall to become chief administrator there.

"We have a management team and staff that is very highly respected throughout the province," Talstra said. "So highly respected that we're starting to lose them."

He said the pay adjustments help address the fact salaries here were much lower than elsewhere.

Most of the money from the elimination of Gippis' position have been used to increase other managers' salaries, although there is still a net saving of nearly \$3,000.

City records show total



Ron Poole

management salaries are now \$848,000 — down 13 per cent from \$973,000 in 2001.

Seven other positions have been cut over that time as council clamped down on spending as the Skeena Cellulose crisis dragged on.

Most management salaries had been frozen since 2001.

"We wrestled with that over the last six months to see what was fair and appropriate," Talstra said.

"We had a decision to make as to whether or not we retain our excellent staff that we have and who are coveted by other communities in B.C."

Two other managers got raises of around 10 per cent

— the director of finance Judy Degerness who now makes \$83,579 and fire chief Randy Smith at \$80,388.

Those two positions, along with development services director Marvin Kwiatkowski, who is being paid \$81,600, are the three highest paid jobs after Poole's.

Other city management staff received smaller raises in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The amounts vary, depending on individual circumstances, Talstra said.

The city now pays its chief administrative officer more than provincial cabinet ministers make, including Gary Collins who left his job as finance minister last week to take over as CEO of an airline.

Talstra defended Poole's increase, saying the city's top administrator of six years has skillfully run city hall "under the most trying of times" — in particular handling the complex Skeena Cellulose crisis and the resulting need to cut the budget.

Poole's children are graduating from school soon, the mayor added and that will eliminate another reason to stay in town.

"It would be a shame to lose him now," he said, noting it's difficult to attract new people to the north.

## From front Former Repap people in running for sawmill

CellMark, a Swedish pulp marketing company owed \$6 million by New Skeena, is also looking at buying the Terrace sawmill, Hull said.

"We've talked with CellMark," he said. "We told them if they got it we'd be interested in working with them."

CellMark stands to lose much of the money it's owed. It would, along with the City of Terrace, get a share of the proceeds from the sale of the Terrace sawmill, after receivership expenses and other costs are deducted.

The mill here isn't expected to sell for anywhere near the \$6 million CellMark is owed.



Harry Papushka

Instead, Hull said, the company may be better off to take over the mill itself

and sell it for more later.

"Their intent is to look at buying and starting it, get it running and sell it so they don't take so much of a haircut," he said.

He said a third group in the bidding is Bear Creek Contracting, owned by the Munson family, and Main Logging, along with the Kitsumkalum and Kiselas bands.

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# Lights tour proves impressive

AND NOW it's up to you. Below find addresses of those in this year's Christmas lights contest.

Those who take a tour of the lights at the addresses listed will find colour, creativity and a lot of effort, say contest organizers.

"It was very, very nice to see this many participants. It really puts a sparkle to the season," said Chris Hansen of the Terrace Beautification Society, one of the contest's main sponsors.

She hopes people will respond by sending in their choices for best residence and best business.

"When people decorate the outside of their house, they're not doing it for themselves, they're doing it for others," Hansen added.

And here are those addresses by geographic area.

## Thornhill

Bud Kirkaldy at 3583 in upper Thornhill has a bright Santa's Rest Stop theme.

The homes at 3617 Alder and 3596 Alder and Bruce Yeast's place at 3598 Alder also make a trip to this street worthwhile.

To find Alder, go up Old Lakelse Lake Road to the top then turn right on Hemlock and look for Alder on your left.

In lower Thornhill, the Dave Flemming residence at 3888 Mountainview Ave. has a multitude of green lights in both the front and back. You'll notice the back on the right as you go up Old Lakelse Lake Road.

In that same area you'll find Paul Leffler at 2422 Toynbee and George Yeast at 3914 Old Lakelse Lake Road.

## The Southside

The Rick and Michelle Williams residence at 5-4625 Graham Ave. is a perennial entrant and this year has a very light theme.

There is a very traditional nativity scene at No. 5, 2509 Pear St. which is a Muks Kum'Ol housing project and the homes at No. 1 and No. 2 are very lit up.



JIM ALLEN'S tribute to Yougal, Ireland in the front yard of his 5134 Agar residence is a must see for those touring the area to look at Christmas lights. Sponsors of this year's Christmas lights contest were out Dec. 16 to look at entries. On the left is Britny Charon and Chris Hansen from the Terrace Beautification Society with, on the right, realtor Erika Langer and Debbie Letawski, also from the beautification society.

Also impressive is the residence at 2802 Molitor. Look for the gazebo.

One member of the sponsor's tour termed as "eye popping" the first townhouse at 2609 Braun St. and Heather Kirkaldy's place at 4707 Weber is nice.

Jim Allan's miniature village, patterned on the real village of Yougal, Ireland is worth a stop and a walk through.

The Don and Betty Anderson house at 5311 Haugland is a bit hidden down a driveway but the deer jumping along a fence are impressive.

## Hwy16 West

In the business category are the Wild Duck Inn at 5504 Hwy16 West and the

## Evergreen Pub.

## Kitsumkalum

Lloyd Nelson at 40 Kitsumkalum has lights in front, on the sides and at the back of his house. Turn right at the community hall and continue on that road. You'll go up a hill. Keep going and there'll be no missing the Nelson house. You can get back to the highway by continuing past the Nelson house.

## The Bench

Mountain Vista has several homes, 5327, 5315 and 5222 that all deserve a visit. And there's a very impressive display at 5209 Mountain Vista.

A stand out are houses at the intersection of Hallock

and Cory for their combined visual presentation. Cory begins at Bailey, almost right across the street from the vacant Mountainview Elementary School.

The Garner residence at 3601 Cory and the house across the street at 5034 Hallock stand out.

The Juniper residence at 5306 McConnell, right across from the college, also stands out.

Just past Uplands Elementary is 4905 Halliwell, containing several decorated trees and a large assortment of other lights.

Two homes at 4733 Bolton and 4735 Bolton are also done up well.

Another place on the bench, 4620 Hillcrest, which is the back end of 4614

Munthe, contains a multitude of colours.

## The Horseshoe

The 4900 Block of LaBelle contains a number of festive homes. Those out touring will enjoy 4920, 4928, 4926, 4930 and 4932.

McCrae Crescent continues its tradition with 5012, 5031 and 5041 being of particular note.

There's a lit up house at 4813 Walsh and one at 4823 Loen worth looking at.

The residence at 4838 McConnell has a red theme that continues into the backyard.

Don't forget to look at 3724 Eby. Two Straume homes, 4903 and 4905, across from Caledonia Senior Secondary, are the ben-

eficiaries of a lot of effort.

## Downtown

The Tillicum Twin Theatre building, Shi and Sidewalkers are part of the business category.

## Entry details

There are first and second place plaques to be awarded in the best residence and best business category. Send your choices to The Terrace Standard by noon on Dec. 30.

The results will be tallied and published in the Jan. 5, 2005 issue of The Terrace Standard.

Entries can be dropped off at the office at 3210 Clinton St., faxed to 638-8432 or emailed:

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## News In Brief

### Jack's back

TERRACE mayor Jack Talstra will continue to chair the Kitimat-Stikine regional district board in 2005.

He was re-elected chairman at the board's Dec. 10 meeting.

The board's vice-chair is Kitimat councillor Joanne Monaghan.

### Hallsor leading 'yes' group

A FORMER Terrace resident is leading a well-organized committee aimed at convincing B.C. residents to change the way they elect provincial governments.

Bruce Hallsor, now a lawyer with the firm Crease, Harman and Company in Victoria, is a graduate of Caledonia Secondary School and the daughter of Bob and Merry Hallsor.

He's in charge of the YES Campaign, a group that wants to do away with the current winner-take-all system of electing provincial governments and replace it with something called a single transferable ballot.

That would allow voters to choose more than one MLA by combining existing ridings so they contain more MLAs.

Voters, for instance, could choose MLAs from different political parties if they wanted to do so.

Hallsor is no stranger to political life. He ran as a Canadian Alliance candidate in Victoria in the 2000 federal election and was an advisor to the failed campaign to have Helmut Giesbrecht recalled as the MLA for Skeena in the late 1990s.

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## Merry Christmas

THE CHRISTMAS concerts in the school are over, those marvelous occasions where young, perhaps nervous voices sing those age-old songs while parents look on proudly and take pictures that will form part of family history.

Lights are up inside and outside to challenge the darkest days of the year. Trees are decorated and presents are wrapped.

It's Christmas once more in the northwest, when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus and join with others in celebrating the warmth of human companionship that marks this season.

Organizations such as the Salvation Army and the Terrace Anti Poverty Society have collected money, food and toys thanks to the generosity of the public and this week are making sure it all goes to those who need it the most.

Far too many Christmases have passed by since the late 1990s when the northwest began its economic slump, causing families to move away, savings to be eaten up, businesses to close and hardships to surface.

Yet the very traditions of Christmas, be it attending church, preparing meals, visiting friends and family or driving around to look at Christmas lights, provide the glue to sustain us in even the darkest times.

The most tangible tradition of all is the act of giving, in whatever fashion, to organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Terrace Anti Poverty Society and others.

Earlier this year, CBC-TV ran a contest inviting viewers to choose what it called "the Greatest Canadian." It's not surprising the choice was Tommy Douglas, a former Baptist minister, former leader of the federal NDP and, when he was premier of Saskatchewan, the person who introduced medicare to Canada.

Here are his words for the season. None are more fitting.

*"If Christmas means anything, it should mean that, like the shepherds of old, we catch a vision of the world as it ought to be and not as it is. This is the season where we should renew our determination to do what we can, each in our own way, to build a world founded on human brotherhood and concern for the needs of others."*

## Read all about it

EMAIL AND the world-wide web make this world a very small place, allowing communication in a fashion not possible just a few years ago.

So we invite readers to take a few minutes and look at the Christmas messages and images from afar that are on the next page and elsewhere in this issue.

You're sure to recognize names and faces as they share greetings of the season.



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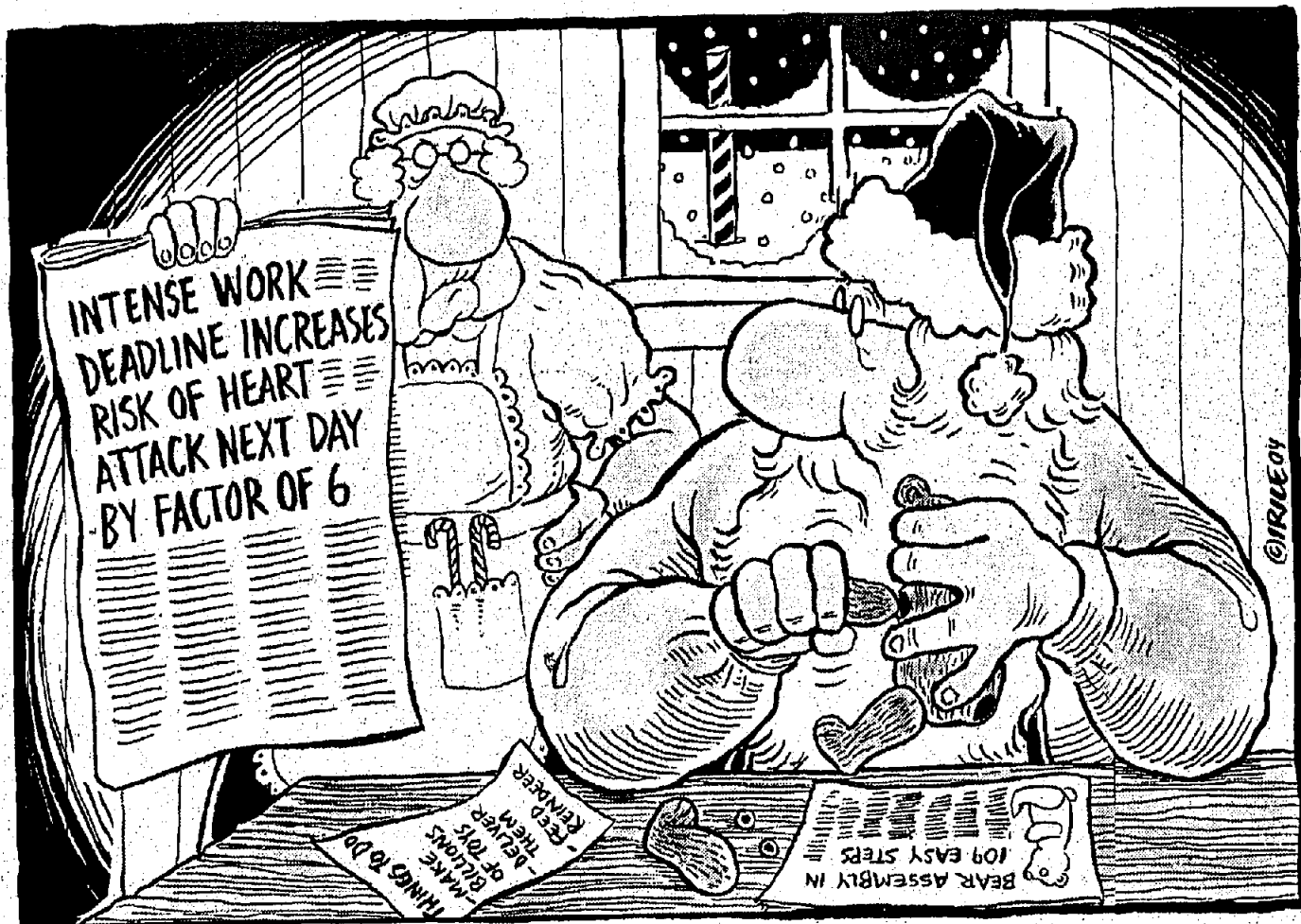
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SANTA GETS A WAKE-UP CALL

## Pine beetle action needed now

VICTORIA - It's time to ditch all the politics and start coming up with a plan to rescue communities across B.C. from the coming pine beetle disaster.

It's hard for politicians to resist blaming the other guys for real or imagined errors.

But this is much too important. A natural disaster is going to slam into dozens of forest communities, far bigger than the 2003 fires or floods or anything else we've experienced. We know it's inevitable. And we have to be ready.

The pine beetle is infesting trees today, and those trees are dying. It's no real problem for us now. We can keep harvesting the timber, which holds its value for perhaps a decade.

But the crisis is smashing the natural cycle of harvest and regeneration. Almost 80 per cent of the province's lodgepole pine are expected to die. Once those trees are gone - either harvested or left to rot - the next generation will be decades away from harvest.

Across the province, communities are facing 20 per cent to 40 per cent reductions in their annual allowable cuts within the next 15 to 20 years. That means huge job losses in communities where forestry is the dominant kingdom of the economy. In some cases, mills will simply close.

And in every case the damage will last for years, perhaps



FROM THE CAPITAL

PAUL WILLCOCKS

decades. In the Quesnel area, to take one example, the timber supply is expected to be cut by almost one-third. About 75 per cent of the 12,000 area jobs are tied to the forest industry, which means more than 2,500 jobs will vanish. That's the equivalent of some calamity wiping out 300,000 jobs in the Lower Mainland.

One response is obvious. Both the Liberals and NDP agree that a legacy or development fund would help communities prepare for the crisis, paying for their efforts to develop other economic opportunities.

It doesn't need to take a big bite out of spending on other pro-

grams.

Part of the government's plan to address the problem is an increase in harvesting across the province to capture the value of the infested wood. Annual allowable cuts have been increased by up to 40 per cent.

It's proving hard to increase harvest levels quickly. Companies aren't prepared for extra volumes, and markets are uncertain. But by the end of next year harvest levels are expected to be significantly higher.

That means more stumpage and tax revenues for government, money that would - without the crisis - have not flowed into its coffers until well into the future.

And that's the money that could be the start of a permanent fund to help communities prepare for the coming crisis. They could work at tourism promotion, or improve their infrastructure, or support retraining programs. They could pay for studies on alternate economic opportunities, or efforts to attract new industries.

And they could come up with assessments of some of the hard truths. Not all the economic damage can likely be avoided, and families, municipalities, school districts and businesses all need time to make informed decisions about their futures.

There even seems to be rare bipartisan agreement on the val-

ue of a legacy fund. Both NDP leader Carole James and Roger Harris, the junior forest minister responsible for responding to the crisis, back the idea.

Harris says advisory group is working on plans.

The sooner they report, and the quicker the government response, the better.

The crisis sounds a long way off. But the kinds of economic shifts that are required is immense. Progress will be slow, and victories will be hard-won.

The extra stumpage probably isn't enough money to fund the needed transition, and certainly won't flow quickly enough. But it is a start; a reasonable guess is that the extra harvesting will produce some \$15 million a year.

The coming crisis is very bad news, far more damaging than the softwood lumber dispute, or the SARS scare.

The only good news is that for once we have time to prepare.

Footnote: Harris will meet with the 13-member advisory group - representatives of municipalities, First Nations, industry, environmental groups and academics - in January. Communities should expect word on the economic futures fund and other measures after that meeting. And they should demand a firm commitment before the May election. willcocks@ultranet.ca

## She's truly got a sinking feeling

ANYTIME MY bank account shows a comfortable surplus, I can count on a major expense chopping it down. The vet has to be called out at midnight; the truck dribbles metal bits along the driveway; or the refrigerator heats up rather than cooling down.

This month my bank account had shrunk from lean to anemic as bills arrived and major jobs did not.

So I was taken unawares Sunday as I washed dishes after an afternoon of baking Christmas cookies with our granddaughters, a tradition we began when the girls were scarcely tall enough to see over the table while perched on their knees on steno chairs raised as high as they'd go.

Making cookies is a fine opportunity to chat and answer their questions about Christmas when I was their age. Though they know Santa's budget then was much slimmer, they still find it hard to believe my siblings and I usually received maybe a sweater, a pair of mittens, a colouring book, and one toy, a doll or a train. Com-



THROUGH BIFOCALS

CLAUDETTE SANDECK

pared to their largess of \$70 CD players and \$20 videos, our haul was meagre.

Our collection of cookie cutters, both plastic and metal, include geometric shapes as well as stars, moons, a Christmas tree, Santa's boot, card suits, and several of my grandmother's fluted metal tart tins. They fill a recycled bread bag.

When I cut cookies, I prefer

the diamond. Each shape fits precisely into the next one, wasting no dough and reducing the number of times dough must be rolled out. The girls, on the other hand, being forever fair, use every shape at least once.

With the cookies baked and the main of the tidying done, I sat down with the kids to watch Raven and another TV show, leaving the cookie cutters soaking in soapy water to loosen dough from tight corners.

After Dad took his girls home, along with a liberal sample of their work, I swished the cookie cutters in the water, fished them out into a large plastic bowl, and rinsed them with hot water. The sink was fairly full by the time I decided to drain it.

Only this time water rose half an inch in the sink before draining away. I was already filling the tea kettle planning to boil a kettleful to pour down the slow-draining sink when I realized my quilted slippers were squashing like a sponge. I was standing in water.

The left side of the cupboard supporting the sink was flooded and more water flowed down the vertical pipe. This hadn't happened in our house for years and I wasn't happy to see the problem return.

I mopped up the cupboard, traced the problem and found the funnel shape where the vertical pipe meets the sink was loose. Not good in plumbing. I lifted out the strainer only to find I could swirl the next piece from the right to left and lift it out. Underneath was a flat rubber washer, also loose, and under that the lower funnel shape. It was totally loose; I could look down into the cupboard through the gap between the funnel and the sink.

The metal threads on the underside of the upper funnel have corroded until large chunks of them are absent. No wonder everything is loose and leaking.

Yet this sink and its plumbing were installed only 12 years ago!

I can see my bank account suffering before this is repaired.





# From across town and around the world, *Standard* readers say hello

Think of them as Terrace's extended digital family.

Many Terrace residents who have moved away still follow the news here through the *Standard's* web site - at [www.terracestandard.com](http://www.terracestandard.com).

Once again we have turned our site into a Christmas card of the web for the month of December. We've invited our Internet readers wherever they are to email holiday greetings for other Terrace Standard readers.

We're printing as many of those greetings as possible in this edition, and we'll continue to post all of them to the web site.

Merry Christmas from everyone here at the Terrace Standard.

Greetings from the Niederrhein in Germany!

After living in Terrace for almost a decade, this is our first Christmas away and it's pretty hard to be somewhere else.

We miss our family (Hi Anka, Roy and Nada) and our friends (Hello to the Chateau Husoy and sweet Rosie, to Sam, Ian and Liam, to Molly and Malcolm, to Barry and Sandy, to Tim and Leana).

We miss our old neighborhood (Hello to Dick & Sue, to Lisa, Melanie, Alex and families, Hi Snicklefritz).

We ask everyone we know in the beautiful Skeena Valley to enjoy it a little bit for us too.

We still think that Terrace is one of the most spectacular places on this planet, especially when the sun shines!

**The Gibson Protzner Family - Bernie, Rena, Mila and Wolfgang Niederrhein, Germany**

Greetings to all our friends in Terrace. Our first few months here have been hectic with renovating painting and unpacking - oh the relentless unpacking. It's hard to believe Christmas is here already.

Doug and Evelyn, Scott and Janet, Dave and Anita, Brian and Sheila, Dino and Carolyn, Gerald and Carol, Malcolm and Debbie, Jennifer and of course our great neighbours Rob and Jill, to you and your families we wish you all the best for Christmas and in the new year.

All our friends through work at Aqua Clear Bottlers - I will always remember how terrific you are. Also our friends and acquaintances at the curling rink.

We miss you all. Best wishes, Peace and God Bless

**Randy, Lesley, Phillip, Carmen and Joshua Durand, Salmon Arm, B.C.**

It is raining today. Sort of like the winter drizzle of Terrace. It is a welcome change from the Siberian winds which blow from the north and bring us sub-zero temperature - sort of like Terrace!

Christmas greetings to those friends in Terrace who are so accepting of my poor communications.

I will be home in mid-January for our winter holidays and hope to visit at that time.

Christmas wishes to all.  
**Geoff Straker Dalian, China**

At this time of year I always remember Terrace with fondness. Living in the south I certainly miss the snow.

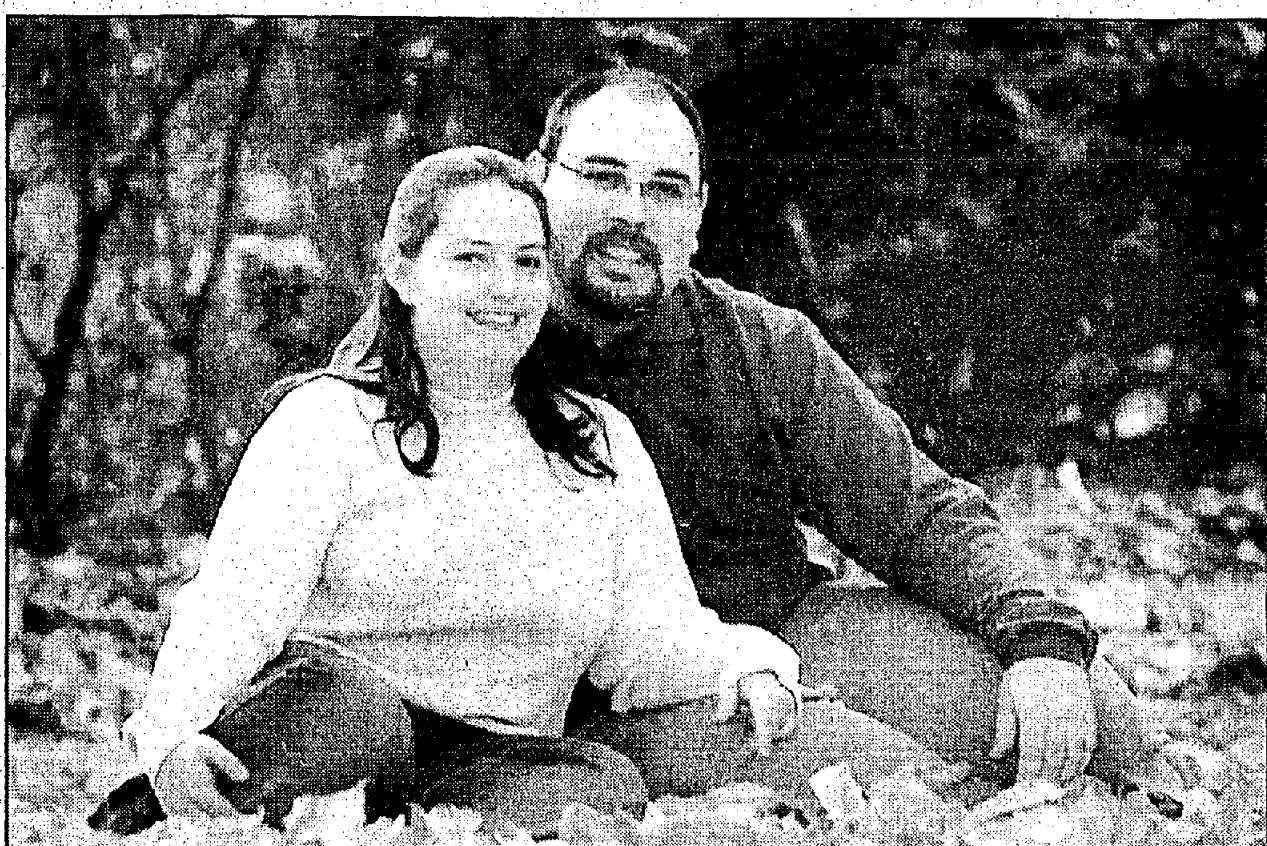
But most of all I miss the family and friends and all the socializing that goes along with the holidays.

I want to say hello and Merry Christmas to my Mom, Dad, Randy, Megan, Kevin, and Matthew.

A very special hello to the rest of the Browns, the Bartletts, the Pedens, the Leightons, the MacDonalds, the Barnards and all our family and friends. I hope to see you all soon. Have a great Christmas and God Bless.

Best wishes,  
**Denise, Brent, Toni and Forrest Halfyard Richmond, B.C.**

To My Family and friends.



MELISSA DA SILVA and Chad Stroomer send greetings from Victoria, where they're recently engaged.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

❖ Our online readers send their thoughts and messages

I would like to wish every single one of them a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New year. To My family and Friends in New Aiyansh, Kelowna, Terrace and Kincolth and Prince George.

And also to the friends I have made at the NWCC in Terrace. I hope you guys have a very safe trip back to your homes on the Holiday break.

May all your turkeys be full of meat. Take care.

**Elvira, Maisie, James & Matthew Woods Terrace, B.C.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends in and around Terrace. We wish you all health, safety, and happiness always. Christmas Hugs from **Julia and La-Verne Fredericks Westbank, B.C.**

Merry Christmas to all from the Smith family!

At this time of year our family always shares warm and fond memories of good friends and Terrace in the snow. It seems hard to believe nine years have passed since we called Terrace our home! We would like to wish all of our friends a Merry and blessed Christmas!

**Doug, Linda, Matt, Chris, Jen and Andy Smith Langley, B.C.**

Harold Armstrong, from Cinderella Rockafella would like to wish his family and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Bangkok, Thailand.

Special wishes to Harold's daughter Eve Lisa-Lynn Mitchell in Kitimat whom he loves, adores and misses everyday... his brothers family and neighbours - yes you Chris!!

Heart felt condolences to Christine and Kyana Shauer and their family with deep regret for their recent loss.

Our band Cinderella Rockafella have had a glorious run in 2004, playing in

Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom Of Bahrain.

We are now currently performing in Bangkok, Thailand. You can check out our web site at [www.cinderellarockafella.com](http://www.cinderellarockafella.com)

After our first month in Dubai we had our contact extended from three months to five. The club was very happy with Cinderella Rockafella's performance and the band was getting very popular in the local paper.

Although the band was doing extremely well, notice was given that the other lead singer Dan was wanting to settle down with his new girlfriend from England and start a life together back in Canada.

So the hunt was on for another lead singer. We searched many avenues looking for the right guy to fill the part. Many contacts were made but it's a very difficult process to find "the guy". Finally we found Paul, a lead singer from Cape Town, South Africa. Not only was he a great singer and performer, he adds a flavor to the band that was lacking. We are stronger than we ever were!

Since I've been in Dubai I have watched Venus Williams, Anna Kornikova, and Justine Henin-Hardenne play tennis outside at the Dubai Duty Free Women Open, which was fantastic! I had coffee at the Burj Al Arab, the only 7 star hotel in the world.

I met, befriended and had brews with Luna - former World Wrestling Federation Women's Heavyweight Champ and her husband, Gangrel, former WWF Intercontinental Heavyweight Champ, and Ozzy Osbourne's personal body guard Herman Ulf. They were doing a show for the Dubai annual international shopping festival and came into the club and came out many nights thereafter. They became good friends and plan on meeting us in Las Vegas as we are asked to do the new Grand Hyatt grand opening for George Dunhill and his wife Sybil Denning next year. Yes Sybil Denning the movie star and playboy playmate of the year in 1987. She was in movies such as Hercules and Battle Beyond the Stars.

I've camped out in the Arabian desert and fished and snorkled in the Persian Gulf. It has been an amazing experience so far, although I miss my family and friends dearly - especially my daughter



JAMES and Maisie Woods in Terrace sent greetings out.

Eve.

We are having a great time together and the future looks bright for Cinderella Rockafella.

**Harold Armstrong Bangkok, Thailand**

Merry Christmas Terrace! Although I've been in Vancouver for over 17 years now, I still make it home to Terrace at least once a year to soak in the beautiful scenery and visit my family that is still there.

To my sister Gina and my nephew Cyle, my mother Sylvia, and my sister Maria and her husband Pat, I'm sorry I can't be there this year, but am sending you tons of wishes from here down South!

And to my Father, that passed away this year, Rest in Peace daddy. I miss you so much!

Love, and Christmas wishes to you all!

**Lana and Antonia Eide Vancouver B.C.**

Many Christmases have past since we lived in Terrace, Jennifer and I.

Jennifer made me a very proud mother, became a legal assistant from Red Deer College, as well as an optometrist assistant. She married a fellow from



ASHLEY Brighton enjoys winter's splendour in Canoe, B.C.

Whitehorse who is now a driller with Trinidad Drilling. They have a beautiful four-year-old son, and expecting a second baby (boy) mid January.

Jen is now officially a hockey Mom. Today was Keaton's first day playing ringette. He is the smallest and oh so cutest. And trains -- he loves trains that grandson of mine. He always gets "Nanna" to go chase trains, so every chance I have we chase trains.

Jen and I live four blocks away from each other so barely an hour doesn't pass without calling or seeing each other. They are my life, my joy. I'm still nursing (32 years later).

Was exciting to see a few ladies from Terrace at the Women's Scott Tournament of Hearts last winter in Red Deer.

A very Merry Christmas to each and everyone: Nana and Dick Martin, Carol & Gerald (Schmidt), Ken & Patti Olson, Lyle & Barb Elgard, Mac & Sharon Fell, John & Joanne Jones, George and Katie Hagen, Annette (Partridge), Soars family and also J.D.

My e-mail address is [reimerjk@telus.net](mailto:reimerjk@telus.net) if anyone cares to chat.

**June Reimer (Morhart) and Jennifer Schneider Lacombe, Alberta**

Chad and I just wanted to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our family and friends in Terrace namely my mom, dad and my grandma and my two sisters Yolanda and Celina and their respective families (Scott, Payton and Maddyn; Liam and baby Hall on the way shortly after Christmas). We both really miss you and I can't wait to see you when I come home for a visit in January!

In case anyone missed the big announcement, Chad and I are getting married on May 21, 2005 here in Victoria and we can't wait to see you all then too. Here's a recent engagement photo taken at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria.

Love you lots,  
**Melissa Da Silva and Chad Stroomer Victoria, B.C.**

Merry Christmas Terrace from Canoe, B.C.!

It's hard to believe that it's been almost three years since we moved away. Time can fly when you you live in the Shuswap. There is so much to do here. We spend most of the summer camping all over the area. We had a very nice surprise this summer. I had a girlfriend from Terrace come up and do some camping with us (Debbie Haines). It was great. I wish I could have more of all my friends here.

Berlin and Nathan Drake also came up to visit (from Alberta). That was great, the girls played great together. Ashley is growing fast soon to be four. She is very excited about Santa coming. She doesn't remember Terrace too well but she often tells everyone she meets that she was born in Terrace (under the pumpkin patch).

We do want to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the following friends:

The whole Haines family, Debbie Earl, Houldens, Norm and Alice Zlikovits, and Darcy and Debbie Zlikovits, the old Skeena Hotel staff and regular customers, Minute Muller (Klaus and Malcolm), CNFR (Clarence, Bonnie, Cheryl), Clarence Nyce & family, and of course my family (I love you Dad and Mom).

It's hard to be away from home for the holidays but we have plans to come home and visit this summer. So till then take care all you Terracites and hope Santa is good to all. Love,

**Sandy Brighton and family (Greg and Ashley) Canoe, B.C.**



TERRACE's Harold Armstrong (bottom right) keeps on rocking around the world with his band Cinderella Rockafella. They're now in Thailand.



DOUG SMITH and his family send greetings from Langley, B.C.

You'll find more Christmas Greetings from readers starting on page C1



# The Mail Bag

## Cyclist was way off base

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the cyclist's complaint of the idiot strips on the highway (letter to the editor, *The Terrace Standard*, Dec. 8, 2004).

Maybe he should ride on them a while to give his head a shake.

The photo accompanying the complaint clearly shows more than enough room to ride off the highway. Besides highways are designed for motor vehicles, and bike safety

is taken into consideration throughout Canada in the form of bike paths. Being a truck driver I personally don't like seeing cyclists on the side of the highway let alone on a blind corner.

And I can't pick every stone out of my treads. If one flew out and hit you it would hurt me as much as you.

I think you should consider your road rage before voicing it to the public.

Martin Richmond, Terrace, B.C.

## Highway rumble strips make sense

Dear Sir:

In response to the rant by Rudi Peters (letter to the editor, *The Terrace Standard*, Dec. 8, 2004) about these so-called idiot strips or rumble strips on Hwy 37, I've been commuting to work on this highway for 14 years now.

I've seen all manner of idiots out there, some even ride bicycles. I've noticed that some idiots like to drive with their wheels on the center line, but because of idiot strips this practice has become uncomfortable.

This road is used by many shift workers, some of whom may be tired after a long day (or night) on the job. And if by chance one of these weary taxpayers is prevented from straying over the line by an idiot strip, I'm all for it.

I've also noticed that when the highway is covered with ice and snow and it's dark and some idiot has forgotten to dim his lights, the center line isn't always discernible.

Those good old idiot strips serve as a friendly reminder as to what side of the road you should be on. Since the roads are populated by more than just idiots I'm thankful for the existence of these idiot strips.

I would have to say that it takes a real idiot to ride his bicycle on the left side of that white line. And forget about the cell phone. It probably won't work after being crushed underneath the wheels of a chip truck.

Pic Gorman,  
Terrace, B.C.

## Please return the kitty t-shirt

Dear Sir:

My daughter was at a volleyball tournament two weeks-ends ago at Thornhill Jr. Secondary.

While her team was playing, someone went through her bag in the change room and took a T-shirt from her bag. The shirt is a turquoise blue sleeveless top that ties up on the right side. It has a logo on the front that says "Wanted Kitty - Huge Reward". Needless to say she was in tears.

If this person wanted to do the right thing and return the t-shirt, they could put it in a bag with the initials J.M. on it and return it to the Thornhill Elementary school office, no questions asked.

These girls represent their schools at these functions. I teach my children this and I would hope other parents also feel the same way.

Sheri McGovern, Terrace, B.C.

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## The Mail Bag

## Export permit takes away the best wood

Dear Sir:

Re: "Gov't very quietly extends thumbs up on raw logs," story in the Dec. 15, 2004 edition of *The Terrace Standard*.

For almost four years the Skeena mill has been shut down and the Campbell government has done everything possible to make sure that all we ever see is our logs being hauled down the highway for export.

We never get any mill jobs out of the forest licence and they secretly extend the raw log exports for another two years.

That the raw log exports have only reached 15 per cent in the region and not the 35 per cent permitted by the Campbell government is only because it is an average regional figure and a few other mills are still operating.

This is 15 per cent of the best wood and if we had any

opportunities at value adding it is the wood that would be in greatest demand.

It is also the wood that would make any local mill viable if it were milled here.

To suggest that this rate of export and this broken promise can somehow be laid at the feet of the previous government because they asked Wes Cheston for a report in the 90s is outrageous.

If Cheston's recommendation for looser log export regulations was not introduced by the NDP, it is probably because they believed that resources belong to the people and must be used for maximum benefit to the people in the region.

No, this sorry mess in the northwest forest industry lies at the feet of the Campbell government.

Helmuth Giesbrecht,  
Terrace, B.C.

## A Merry Christmas to those who helped

Dear Sir:

On Nov. 7 our son, Todd Rogers, daughter-in-law Vivienne and grandson Spencer were in an accident in Terrace.

Their van rolled down an embankment onto some train tracks and before they could get out, a train hit their van.

We know what the city of Terrace did for our family and we will forever be grateful.

The quick response from the RCMP, fire department, ambulance service and train people and the hospital was unbelievable.

We thank the people of Terrace for helping our family.

Our Christmas could have turned out very different. Our best wishes to all the wonderful people of Terrace.

Gerry and Zee Rogers,  
Abbotsford, B.C.

## Totem pole base a solid foundation

Dear Sir:

There were excellent front-page photos and summary of the pole raising at Northwest Community College in your recent edition.

An addition to the story is necessary. It notes that "all seven northwest First Nations" are represented.

There is an eighth: we could call it the technological nation. It is the least attractive of the motifs of the pole, but it is also, curiously enough, the backbone of it.

I mean the concrete base and the steel frame that support the pole.

Without them, the pole would have been stuck into a hole in the ground and rotted and fallen long before its time.

With them, the pole will remain standing far longer, a

symbol, we can hope, of the enduring relations between the First Nations and the technological.

Just the same, technology is a mixed blessing at best. Maybe the pole should have been simply stuck in the ground.

That would only happen again, though, if we gave up all the other benefits derived from that particular nation.

Dr. David Heinemann,  
Terrace, B.C.

## Handbook had key player

Dear Sir:

In response to the recent article by Margaret Speirs entitled "New handbook explores alternate forms of justice for troubled youth", I would like to recognise that the coordinator for the Kermode Restorative Justice Project "C.A.R.E." was Lynnda Edzerza from the Tahltan Nation.

Ms. Edzerza coordinated a series of educational workshops, a conference on restorative justice as well as the handbook.

She brought together a diverse group of community stakeholders to form a Steering Committee, which guided her work.

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# Hard work awaits NDP says one of its MLAs

THE PROVINCIAL New Democratic Party may be neck and neck with the Liberal government in opinion polls, but a lot of work needs to be done, said NDP MLA Joy MacPhail on a tour of the northwest last week.

"We were behind the Liberals and now we are leading," of a recent said MacPhail of the latest McIntyre-Mustel poll, shows New Democrats are the choice of 43 per cent of B.C. voters while 40 per cent chose the Liberals.

"Statistically it's a dead heat. We were behind the Liberals and now we are leading. But there are still serious challenges before we can talk elections," she said.

"We have to get our candidates selected. We are seeing very vigorous races here in the northwest for the nominations. Each riding in the north has three or four candidates vying for the nomination."

There are four candidates

for the NDP nomination in the Skeena riding and members meet in mid-January to select the person to go up against sitting Liberal MLA Roger Harris in the May provincial election.

MacPhail spent time in Smithers, Terrace and Kitimat on her tour.

She met with a group at the now-reopened Terrace Women's Resource Centre Dec. 15 and spoke to a NDP gathering that evening.

In Kitimat, MacPhail toured the new Kitimat General Hospital, construction of which was approved when she was finance minister in the NDP government of the 1990s.

MacPhail described the \$135 million Northern Development Initiative, meant to funnel money into northern development projects as decided by regional committees, as too little, too late.

"There's nothing on the ground. It's a plan that's not on paper and does not



Joy MacPhail

have much political will behind it. It surprises me that the MLAs in the north are so weak at representing their own communities and so weak in making their voices heard in Victoria. It's a one-two punch in the gut for these communities," she said.

The money for the development initiative comes from the sale of BC Rail op-

erations by the government to CN.

The planned Prince Rupert container port has also received money from the BC Rail sale over and above the \$135 million initiative.

MacPhail said people do not trust premier Gordon Campbell and will respond to NDP leader Carole James.

"British Columbians are looking for an alternative to the deceit of Gordon Campbell. They mistrust him greatly and the New Democrats under Carol James are rebuilt and renewed enough they are willing to embrace us," she said.

MacPhail was the leader of the provincial NDP until stepping down. James was then elected at a leadership convention.

She'll continue to be the NDP house leader but is retiring from politics and won't run again in the May provincial election.

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# Illegal American guides given a massive fine

By MARGARET SPEIRS  
TWO AMERICANS are losing their fishing boat and trailer to the government and were given huge fines after being convicted for illegally angling on the Skeena and Kalum Rivers last summer.

Billy Jack Witt, 57, and son Christian, 32, of Washington state pleaded guilty to illegally guiding several fishermen on July 23 and 24.

The pair were sentenced to pay \$12,000 each, a total of \$24,000.

Of that, \$23,200 is payable to the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund with the remaining \$800 being a fine. They must pay also \$3,000 restitution to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Both are prohibited from hunting or fishing in B.C. for 10 years.

The duo's \$40,900 boat and trailer and all seized gear, valued at \$10,720, must be forfeited.

Their pickup truck will not be forfeited but it will be held until the fine is paid. The fine must be paid by June 30.

The Witts pleaded guilty to two counts each of unlawfully guiding for fish in Canada without a guiding licence, one count each of falsely stating the purpose of entry into Canada was a vacation trip, and one count each of willful obstruction of conservation officer Chris Price, who was engaged in the execution of his duty.

The Witts operate a fish guiding company, Columbia River Fishing Guides, which defence lawyer Michael Shaw said had become the subject of an undercover operation in the U.S.

The subject of fishing in Terrace arose and the Witts offered to guide their clients; undercover officers, on the Skeena even though they weren't licensed to guide in B.C.

They all agreed to a \$250-per-day-per-client fee and a deposit was made.

The Witts received a total of \$4,500.

They operated the boat and supplied the gear and bait. The truck, trailer, gear and \$4,500 was seized when both were arrested.

Provincial Crown counsel Ron Beran said that the nine days both served in jail while arranging bail was adequate jail time.

He asked that each pay \$20,000 restitution and \$3,000, reflecting the balance of fees paid by the undercover agents.

He added that the seized property be held until the fine is paid.

It's meant as a way of encouraging the Witts to pay their fines.

Defence counsel Michael Shaw agreed that each be given credit for time served, but each only pay a fine ranging from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and no forfeiture.

Provincial court judge Ed De Walle said the court acknowledged that both were unable to earn their livelihood after the seizure of their fishing equipment.

He considered that both pleaded guilty and both suffered negative publicity in the U.S., which also led to a loss of clientele for their business.

But he said the actions of both were clearly deliberate and planned and that both devised a plan to deceive conservation officers by concocting a story that their clients were just friends.

Their plan was detailed even to the point they purchased salmon roe before coming to B.C. and made false statements upon arriving in Canada.

"The accused knew full well they'd attract the attention of Canadian authorities with their activity and boat and wanted everything to look up front," de Walle said.

"All this was part of their plan to avoid detection of their illegal guiding activities."

De Walle disagreed with



PROVINCIAL Conservation officer Christopher Prince stands with a truck seized from two Americans who have now been sentenced for illegal guiding. The truck stays in Canada until a substantial fine is paid. FILE PHOTO

the defence argument that the money was used to share the trip's expenses.

The clients agreed to pay per day, he said.

"Also the sum of \$4,500 is out of proportion to a

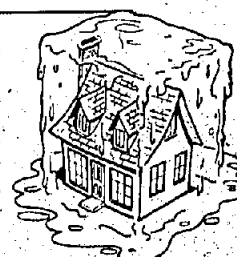
shared expenses concept and defence failed to show evidence to support this submission," de Walle said.

At the end of the two-day trial, Beran said, "I think it's an important ruling that

will send a message to like-minded individuals that we certainly hope they will take the resolve of the court and Crown seriously."

Sentencing arguments took Dec. 14 and Dec. 15.

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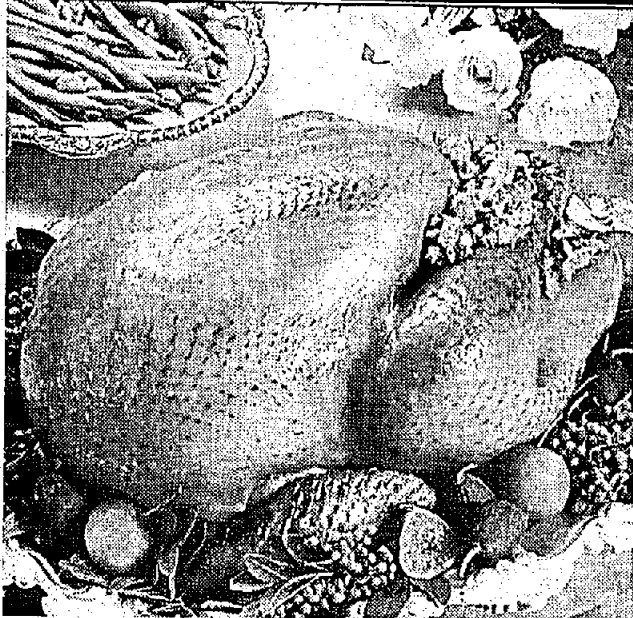




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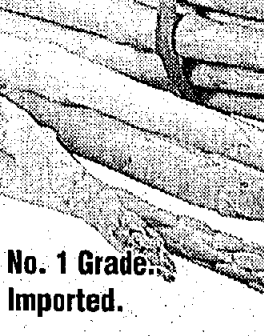
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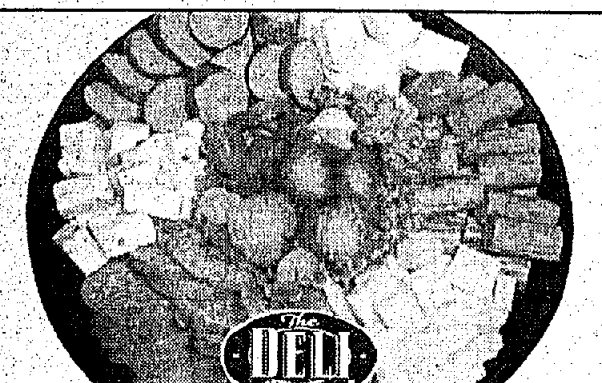
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# Shelter gets money for more beds

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"We have seven beds now and will open one more," explained Carol Sabo of the Ksan House Society which runs the shelter.

The shelter will also be able to open six temporary beds up to the end of April.

That makes for 14 beds in all over the winter, a number Sabo said is needed.

"We regularly run at over 100 per capacity, especially during the winter months," she said.

The \$71,340 includes \$3,300 that can be spent on clothes and other items for those who come to the shelter.

Some of the money will be used to hire another person. That means being able to spend time with people to help them find a permanent place to live and to help with

other needs, Sabo added.

Aside from offering temporary accommodation, the shelter is also a warm and dry place for an increasing number of drop ins during the day, she said.

"We get people who don't have any heat in their homes," Sabo continued.

The shelter's food budget has always been tight and the extra money will ease that pressure, she said.

This extra money is over

and above regular payments the emergency shelter receives and is part of an \$8.4 million package announced recently by the federal and provincial governments.

"We are committed to meeting the basic requirements of people in need in our communities," said Skeena Liberal MLA Roger Harris. "As winter approaches, it's important we have the resources to give people a warm, safe place to

stay out of the cold and wet weather."

In all, an extra \$467,000 will open 11 more year-round beds across the north for a total of 74 and add 12 temporary beds for a total of 42.

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## Strike vote planned at the college

NEARLY 100 unionized support workers at Northwest Community College here and at its campuses across the region are taking a strike vote Jan. 5-6 to press demands for more money.

The B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) last received an increase of 2.4 per cent in July 2001, 2 per cent the year before that and have been without a contract since July 2002.

Those two years of wage increases were the only raises in the last seven years, says BCGEU official Stephen Howard.

Workers want a seven per cent wage increase spread over four years and benefit hikes to match those already granted college instructors, he said.

One of those benefit increases wanted is a top up of Employment Insurance earnings for those on maternity or parental leave that's provided to instructors, Howard added.

"We really see that as a double standard," Howard said noting that the majority of BCGEU members working for the college are women.

The college, as is the case with other post-secondary employers, is sticking to the provincial government position of offering no wage increases.

BCGEU members at the college now make an average of \$17 an hour plus benefits.

"Employers have been telling us informally at the [bargaining] they have the money to make a wage offer but can't because the government is imposing its zero increase wage guidelines," said Howard.

Other post-secondary institutions such as Douglas College on the lower mainland and Northern Lights College in the northeast have already had strike votes with first results being in the 70 per cent and rising to 90 per cent in subsequent balloting, he said.

"The numbers are rising as we go along," Howard added.

Support workers at the college do everything from maintenance to working in the library to maintaining computer systems.

## Lawyer honoured

A FORMER Terrace lawyer is now a Queen's Counsel.

The QC designation for Darrell O'Byrne recognizes contributions he has made over the years to the legal profession.

O'Byrne, who was a Crown Counsel in Terrace and who now works in private practice in Prince Rupert, has volunteered with the B.C. Law Society, the legal services society and the lawyer's assistance program.

In all, O'Byrne has practised law for 24 years.

QC designations are recommended by a committee which includes the chief justice of B.C., the chief justice of the Supreme Court of B.C. and the chief judge of the provincial court.

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O'Byrne's QC was one of 30 announced last week.

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## News In Brief

### Masked man sought

A MASKED lone male attempted to steal money from the Copperside store on Hwy. 16 at Kenney Street in the early morning of Dec. 15.

The suspect fled when the employee refused to hand over the money and set off the alarm.

He's described as a six foot tall, heavy Caucasian wearing a grey toque, navy blue jacket with a white stripe on the front and back, tan cargo pants and white running shoes.

He may have left the scene on a bicycle.

Anyone with info can call the Terrace RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

### Thieves use vehicle to break into store

THIEVES USED a vehicle to smash into a store and take an expensive television set at 2:20 a.m. on Dec. 13.

Employees at Sight and Sound on Keith Ave. say the unidentified thieves used the vehicle to shove in a portion of a wall and window frame, gaining them access to the store.

They stole a \$5,000 30-inch Sharp wall mounted television and assorted electronics.

Police have identified possible suspects and are seeking additional information from the public.

If you have any information, contact the RCMP at 638-7400 or Crime Stoppers at 638-TIPS. A financial reward and anonymity are available to those with credible information.

### Puppies killed in the Nass

SOMEONE brutally beat three puppies to death in the early morning hours of Dec. 14 in Gitwinksihkw.

Lisims/Nass Valley RCMP said a complainant reported hearing yelping puppies around 3 a.m. that morning, but thought they were playing.

One puppy may have been poisoned.

Numerous dogs have also been poisoned, possibly by poisoned meat, between October and December, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Lisims/Nass Valley RCMP Detachment in New Aiyansh at (250) 633-2222 or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477.

### Crash victim name released

POLICE HAVE identified the Terrace man killed in a single motor vehicle accident on the Nisga'a Hwy on Dec. 10.

Trevor McBryan, 30, was driving a logging truck when it went off the road near Glacier Creek 20km north of Terrace.

Road and weather conditions and speed relative to those conditions are believed to have been a contributing factor in the accident.

## MP out to give islanders tax break

NATHAN CULLEN says he's pushing for a northern residents tax deduction for Queen Charlotte Islanders because they've advanced the idea - not because he's chosen them over other northwesterners.

The Skeena MP said Charlottes residents have submitted a huge petition that he has taken to Ottawa and sent to Parliament's finance committee to be considered.

"I am considering other parts of the riding," Cullen said. "This came forward because the people of the Charlottes got organized on this. They got the names together. That pushed me and gives me the currency in the House to say clearly this is an important issue."

If successful each household on the islands would be able to claim the \$5,475 annual income tax deduction.

The idea of reviving the northern deduction for the Charlottes was first tabled by former Skeena Conservative MP Andy Burton late in his term.

"The Charlottes in our riding probably have one of the clearest cases for saying they're isolated," Cullen said, noting the costs of getting on or off the islands.

"It's not to say other parts shouldn't be considered," he added. "I'd work with any community that wanted to work with me on this issue."

Cullen's Skeena-Bulkley riding runs right up to the B.C.-Yukon border.

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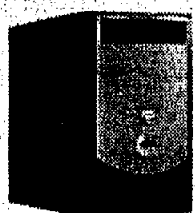


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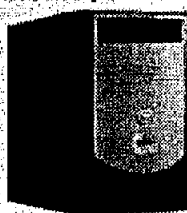
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# Thieves target food bank in yet another break in

FOR THE second time in as many months, the Terrace Churches Food Bank has been broken into and food taken.

Approximately \$500 worth of food, including cans of powdered baby formula, was taken sometime overnight of Dec. 11-12 after entry was gained by breaking a window, reports food bank vice president John Wiebenga.

He prefers to think the formula, peanut butter, cereal, cookies, candies, jam, pasta, pasta sauce and other items were taken by a person or persons in need.

"You really have to take a positive Christian attitude," said Wiebenga. "On the other hand the RCMP have suggested it could have been somebody who would take this and sell it for next to nothing."

He and other food bank officials weren't able to tally up an exact dollar value or amount of what was taken because the food bank doesn't keep exact records.

Wiebenga says he's more disappointed than discouraged about this latest break in.

"It's the very fact that somebody broke in to take food. But I'm certain we'll get back two-fold what we've lost."

Wiebenga added that collections from several donation boxes around town last week and food items collected by people going through the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly's drive-through nativity scene helped greatly to replenish stocks.

"The generosity of people is just phenomenal," he continued.

Food bank president Irma Brever and treasurer Dennis Brever discovered the theft Sunday morning, Dec. 12, when delivering a load of food gathered from the Catholic church.

"They noticed the dead-bolt on the door wasn't in place and then Irma noticed the broken window," said Wiebenga.

Only the bottom half of the window was broken, leading Wiebenga to think that either a young person or a small adult gained entry and either acted alone or opened the back door to admit others before leaving by the same door.

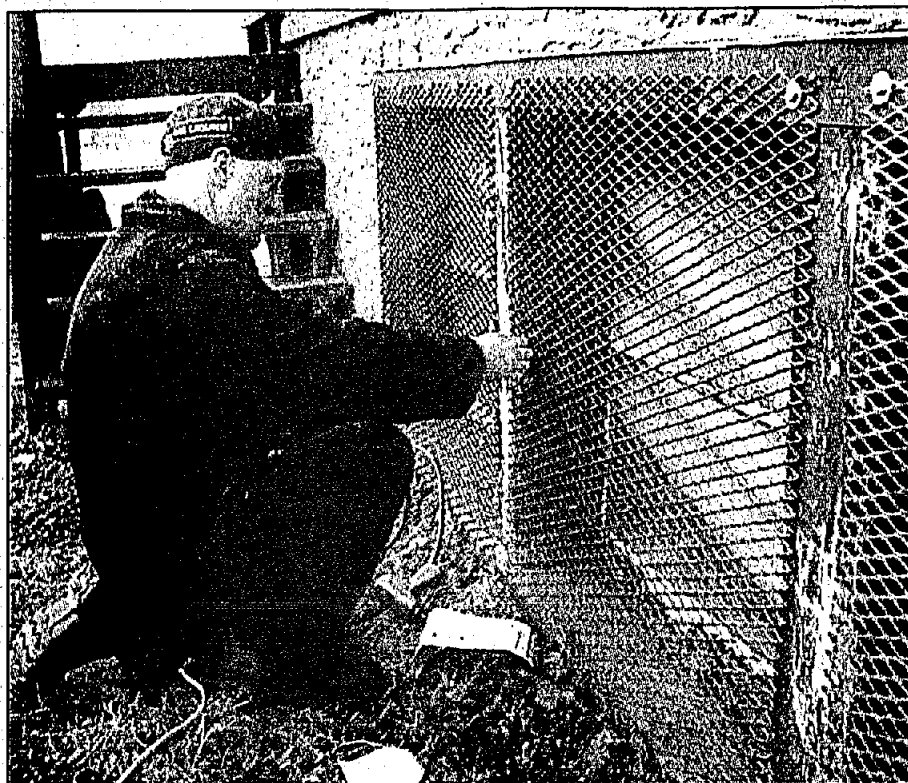
Food bank treasurer Dennis Brever said he's pretty sure the thieves used paper bags to haul the food away because a quantity of the bags were left beside the shelves that had been emptied.

Those bags are fairly distinctive as they carry the name and logo of the Marriott hotel. A large quantity of these bags were purchased at a discount from a manufacturer when the hotel changed its logo and are used during the food bank's regular distribution period.

The broken window is right beside the one broken just one month ago which resulted in the loss of frozen packages of hamburger. Thieves also struck the food bank in May.

The food bank is open four days in a row once a month from fall until spring. It does not operate in December, leaving that open for the Salvation Army's Christmas hamper program.

Building owner Don Hight last week had grates installed over the windows to discourage any new thefts.



RICK DEAN from Terrace Steel Works bolts metal grates to basement windows at the Terrace Churches Food Bank location on Lazelle. It's been broken into twice in as many months and food stuffs have been taken both times.

He's provided the food bank with the space at no cost for several years.

The January food bank is one of the busiest because of

winter heating bills and because of the length of time between social assistance cheques. Cheques usually come out the end of each

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## Christmas thoughts

**P**EACE. GOODWILL. Love. Charity. Mercy. Kindness. Jesus. Many people, if asked the meaning of Christmas, would respond with one of those pat answers. They'd be smug - I feel smug - thinking, Oh sure, rampant materialism abounds but I, assailed by a mass of Visa bills, a barrage of wrapping paper, and an onslaught of parties and concerts, manage to keep my mind on what the season's really about. Uh huh. If that's true, what's with the question? "What question?" you ask. The question: "So, are you ready yet?"

Hmmmm. Am I ready for peace? Absolutely. Past ready. Am I prepared for goodwill? Uh huh. Am I all set for love? You betcha. You get my point. The query, "are you ready?" gives away what we all try to avoid: Christmas, for almost every North American, usually means overeating, overspending, and frantic, pressured social engagements. We all want it to stand for more, but what stresses us out, exhausts us, and brings us to the brink of economic disaster every December? I'm willing to go out on a limb here and suggest that it's not kindness.

I don't know where I got my Grinch gene, but it's a dominant one and it gets more vocal the closer we get to Christmas. Ironically though, Christmas is still my favourite holiday of the year. "Good grief," you say. "If this is Ev's favourite holiday, what does she say about the ones that she doesn't like?"

So why, or how, can I love Christmas when I open my column so cynically? I love it because the season shows that as a society we at least recognize what we should value. Because in obsessing over perfect and abundant gifts, we're still giving to others and not ourselves. Because for too many of us (I'm preaching to myself here, bear with me) Christmas is the one time we force ourselves to get our butts in gear and open up our homes to our loved ones. Perhaps at Christmas our activities are too frenzied (stressed!), our motivations transparent (I have to give him a present, he gave me one.), and insincerity too often present (I wish I stayed home in bed!) but our intentions are good.

At Christmas, we wish for peace. We think about the world outside our door. And we act on those thoughts, making charitable donations within our city, and abroad.

At Christmas, we feel a stronger connection to our families, evidenced by the billions of dollars spent on plane tickets and presents for people we rarely see.

At Christmas, we eat and drink freely and offer food and treats generously to those around us. And for a turkey saturated moment, as the kids sugar crash nearby, one or two people snooze on the couch, and the newly purchased, non-returnable racetrack makes its last race, we realize we are blessed.

And shortly after Christmas, we all resolve, for at least one passionate second, to be a better person.

Brought up in church, I heard lots of rationale to help explain various elements of Christmas. The wise men gave gifts; we give gifts. Jesus broke bread with his disciples; it's good to eat and celebrate with friends. God created trees; we decorate

**"I don't know where I got my Grinch gene, but it's a dominant one and it gets more vocal the closer we get to Christmas."**

them. (Okay, I made that last one up. I wanted to write three examples.) But one decidedly spiritual aspect stayed with me. God became man and sent a part of himself - his Son - to make a bridge to Himself for us, and to live on earth so that He would know what it was like to be human. A God who actually cares about human experience. Imagine. I always wondered (still wonder) about what God thinks about what some people have done to others in the name of His Prince of Peace. Perhaps Christmas is bittersweet for Him as well.

And that last pondering leads me to what I like about Christmas best of all; in North America, Christmas is a shared experience. For religious reasons, for anti-religious reasons, for commercial reasons or to rail against consumerism, everyone has something to say about the season. Whether you celebrate it or not, you probably have strong opinions on it. Discussing our sentiments is good for us - connects us - even when we disagree.

I guess, all pessimism aside, I fervently believe in Christmas as it's envisioned in our ideals. I believe that love conquers over greed, bravery over complacency, and kindness over self-righteousness. May each prove true in our own lives this year. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.



### ■ Tweet tweet!

**CURTAIN CALL:** These fine feathered friends - three of the Four Calling Birds of 'The 12 Days of Christmas' fame - were just a few of the costumed kids performing at Thornhill Elementary School's Christmas concert last week. About 200 parents and friends turned out to watch the Dec. 15 daytime concert.

LESLIE DICKSON PHOTO

## Birders needed for Christmas count

Results help focus avian conservation efforts

By JENNIFER LANG

**BOXING DAY** is for the birds - in Terrace, anyway.

That's the date the Skeena Valley Naturalists are asking local volunteers to join them in the 105th annual Christmas Bird Count.

This year, nearly 2,000 individual counts are taking place throughout the Western Hemisphere from Dec. 14 to Jan. 5, including the one here on Dec. 26.

Birders of all skill levels go out and identify, count and record the birds they see in a given geographical area.

Volunteers then enter their count on which is promising to post bird count results in "near real time" this year, or the Audubon Society's website at [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc).

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In Canada, that data is submitted to the National Audubon Society, the Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Boreal Species Initiative for analysis.

The results help focus and prioritize bird conservation efforts.

For instance, population trends show the Rusty Blackbird is experiencing a 5.2 per cent annual decline, suggesting it may be considered at risk.

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife is currently assessing the species.

If you'd like to join the local Christmas Bird Count, you're asked to contact Judy Chrysler at 798-2535 or Diane Weismiller at 635-6984.



**ROBINS** HAVE been known to overwinter here, like these little guys spotted in 2002.

FILE PHOTO



A DETAIL FROM A painting entitled *Minstrel*, by Katherine Ace, an illustration in this year's Multifaith Calendar.

## Seasons of the soul

By JENNIFER LANG

**IF YOU'RE** looking for gift ideas - and a way to support a worthy cause - look no further than the 2005 edition of the Multifaith Calendar.

A portion of the proceeds from each locally-sold copy will be given to the Terrace Multicultural Association, a volunteer group known for its annual international potluck dinner, a tradition that's brought members of the community closer together for 20 years.

The calendar, a project of the Multifaith Action Society, are a must-have item for the global citizen on your gift list.

The hallmark of these calendars is their inclusion of important religious dates

and festivals for the major faiths of the world - literally from A to Z, starting with aboriginal spirituality and ending with Zoroastrianism, and basically covering everything in between.

Each faith is given equal treatment; what a refreshing message at this time of year, when Christmas, a Christian holiday, seems to eclipse any other sort of tradition.

The calendars contain useful information on lunar phases and important secular dates. For instance, daylight savings begins April 3 in 2005, and World Refugee Day (designated by the UN) falls on June 20.

On a more spiritual note, on March 2, members of the BaHa'i faith begin a 19-day

fast called *Ala*; those of age in good health abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset to prepare for *Naw Ruz*, the new year.

And it turns out not all Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25. The Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on epiphany (Jan. 6).

This year's theme is Seasons of the Soul, illustrated by visual artists who come from different backgrounds and religious traditions.

For instance, a photograph of what looks like an intricate ivory carving is actually a work entitled *Four Harmonious Friends*, by Lobsang Tenzin. It's a Buddhist yak-butter sculpture symbolizing impermanence.

The Multifaith Calendar 2005 is available at Misty River Books in Terrace, or from members of the multicultural association.

## Around Town

### A brand new Jenny

**TERRACE AUDIENCES** will be among the first in the country to see the newest version of the Wallin' Jennys when the folk-roots supergroup performs here early next month.

The band's upcoming B.C. tour, which starts in Prince Rupert, marks the debut of its new line-up; Singer-songwriter Annabelle Chyostek has joined the band.

Chyostek hails from Montreal, where she's known for her soulful, acoustic jazz-pop.

Founding member and alto Clara Luft left the band in late October, after an appearance on CBC's *Vinyl Cafe*, because she wanted to resume her solo career.

Their performance Jan. 7 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre (See *City Scene* on page B2 for details) will only be their second show featuring the new line up with Chyostek.

"Annabelle has a beautiful, rich alto voice, writes wonderfully innovative and interesting songs, and is a very strong guitarist and violinist," the band said in a press release earlier this month.

"She's a pretty fine person too! We are very excited to see what this collaboration brings and we hope you will like what you hear."

The three original "Jennys" - Luft, mezzo Nicky Mehta and soprano Ruth Moody - are all accomplished singer-songwriters in their own right. In 2001, they decided to get together for a guitar workshop in Winnipeg.

They were thrilled at the creative and musical results of this one-night-only incarnation, so they formed The Wallin' Jennys, an ensemble that quickly became known for its "spine-tingling", "angelic"-sounding vocal harmonies, particularly in live performances.

Their full-length 2004 CD, *40 Days*, was released to creative acclaim across Canada and the United States.



**FOUNDING JENNY** Clara Luft, centre, has left the band.



## TERRACE STANDARD

## CITY SCENE

## Clubs &amp; pubs

**GEORGE'S PUB:** New Year's Eve party Semi Chronic.

**THORNHILL PUB:** Dec. 17 and 18. Borderline.

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**THE TERRACE LEGION:** Friday Night Karaoke starts at 8.30 p.m. Saturdays start at 4 p.m. Meat Draw, Jam Sessions with Frank and Friends.

## Concerts

■ **The Wailin' Jennys**, three women who perform roots and folk rock, presented by the Terrace Concert Society, Friday, Jan. 7, at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers in the Skeena Mall. Show starts at 8 p.m. sharp.

■ **The Terrace Art Gallery Gift Shop** is open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Featuring works by local artisans: paintings, photos, pottery, jewelry, soaps, candles, scarves, shawls, wreaths, wooden toys and gift cards.

## Theatre

■ **Terrace Little Theatre** hosts script reading workshops of local playwright Denine Milner's *Lil's Closet* Jan. 7-9 with theatre consultant Fran Gebhard, an instructor from the University of Victoria. If you're interested in participating, please contact season coordinator Annette Martindale at info@mytlt.ca or call 635-4419.

## Etc.

■ **Good Bye, Lenin!**, director Wolfgang

Becker's wistful, comic look at how one East Berlin family copes with the social and economic upheaval created by the collapse of Communism and the reunification of Germany in 1990. Screening Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the Tillicum Twin Theatres at 7 p.m. as part of the Terrace Not Paris Film Festival sponsored by the Terrace and District Arts Council. Tickets at the door.

■ **JUST ANNOUNCED:** The Terrace Not Paris Film Festival's next film is presented Feb. 23. It's called *Falling Angels*, a film adaptation of the first novel from Canadian author Barbara Gowdy, starring Miranda Richardson. It was filmed in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.



Andrea Beck

■ **Come to the library** to hear Andrea Beck, the author of the much-loved Elliot Moose series. Jan. 10 from 4-5 p.m. Registration is necessary because group size is limited. Registration begins Dec. 22. In person or by calling 638-8177.

Fax 638-843 to make the SCENE. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday. Events will run space permitting.



SO LONG, EAST GERMANY: Daniel Brule stars in *Good Bye, Lenin!* playing Dec. 29.

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**January**  
7 - The Wailin' Jennys - One of Canada's most sought after roots ensembles, "spine-tingling", "angelic", and "breath-taking". 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00/adults \$20.00/students and seniors. Available at Cook's Jewellers or at the door.

15 - The Terrace Symphony in Concert - 8:00 p.m. Special guests: members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and CBC Radio Orchestra Mary Sakol-Brown - violin, Joe Elworthy - cello, David Brown - double bass and Gene Ramsbottom - clarinet. This will be a chamber music concert certain to delight everyone.

22 - The Canadian Tenors - Their repertoire covers a wide range of music and can be selected from foot stomping Canadian folk tunes, ballads, musical theatre, opera, pop-opera and the world's most beloved songs. 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00/adults \$20.00/students and seniors. Available at Cook's Jewellers

**February**  
12 - The Vagina Monologues a repeat of this amazing performance - by local women. A fund-raiser for K'san House Society's Transition House.

18 & 19 - Uplands Elementary School presents "Treasure Island"

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SUNDAY, DEC. 26

The Skeena Valley Naturalists are calling upon volunteers to join the Christmas Bird Count, held on Dec. 26 in Terrace. Open to birders of all levels. Call Judi at 798-2535 or call Diane at 635-6884.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 28

The Terrace Writers Guild meets the last Tuesday of every month from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cafenara. Writers of all descriptions come together to support one another, discuss ongoing projects, set goals and do writing exercises. New members are always welcome. For details call Judi at 638-7607 or Sarah at 638-8899.

## MONDAY, JAN. 10

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## PSAs

The syllabus and entry forms for the 2005 Pacific Northwest Music Festival are now available at Sight and Sound (Keith Ave. Mall location). Registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2005. For more information, call Irene at 635-3215.

The Terrace Public Library is offering Christmas Computer Lessons. Enjoy Christmas games and prizes while learning about computers! Lessons aimed at children ages 7-12 and take place Dec. 28-30. Register in person or by phone at 638-8177.

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Looking for Shilobrats! Get ready for a high school '60s reunion July 29-31 at CFB Shilo, Manitoba. Reconnect and register at <http://members.shaw.ca/djordane65>.

The Terrace Red Cross Medical Equipment Loan Depot located in the North West Community Health Services building is not out of service. We are experiencing some technical difficulties with the phone line (638-2192). Anyone wishing to borrow equipment from the Red Cross Depot should call 615-2322 and leave a message that includes a call-back number.

The Thornhill Fire Department is looking for 10 more volunteer fire fighters. Training and safety equipment is supplied. Call 638-1466.

**Mentors needed:** Children in the In-School Mentoring program are eagerly awaiting the chance to have a mentor spend one hour a week with them, just hanging out and having fun. For the Mentor, it's a meaningful opportunity to make a profound difference in the life of a child. For more information, call 635-4232.

Terrace Big Brothers and Big Sisters are people who have found a rewarding and meaningful relationship with a child. They spend a couple of hours a week opening up a new world of experiences for a child. It's easier than you might think to get involved. For info call 635-4232.

Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing - coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats - anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. (the pink house behind McDonald's), or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

**Support After Suicide**, a new self-support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or friend from suicide. You need to know you are not alone. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of the month, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Clubhouse. Call 638-1347 for more information.

**Soup Kitchen**, operating every Monday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Kermod Friendship Society,

3313 Kalum St. Enjoy a hot bowls of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa for more information at 635-4908.

**ACamera Club in Terrace??** Yes, it's starting soon! Do to want to learn about or improve your photography, have some knowledge or expertise you wouldn't mind sharing, or just want to get together with other photographers for outings, etc. For more information, please contact David Watson at 638-0146 or email him at: [david@dwatsonphotography.com](mailto:david@dwatsonphotography.com)

The Terrace Community Band rehearses Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Skeena Junior Band Room. We welcome all adult wind musicians and percussionists to join in the fun! Info: please call 635-4729.

Does your loved one have a brain disorder such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, panic/anxiety disorder, personality disorder or OCD? For free information and/or support call Northwest B.C. Schizophrenia coordinator in Terrace at 635-8206 or toll free: 1-866-7877 (FAM-SUPP). Or attend the Terrace Support Group on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at 7:30 p.m. at #102-4450 Greig Ave.

The Terrace Healing Touch association meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Knox United Church from 7-9 p.m. in room 4. The association also offers outreach sessions to the community on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. By donation. To book an appointment, call 635-8892.

**Travel on business?** Do you have a collection of little bottles of shampoo, soaps and what have you from hotel stays? The Terrace Transition House and Terrace Emergency Shelter are always on the lookout for such items for their clients to use. Drop off donations at the Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. (the pink house behind McDonald's).

The Terrace division of the B.C. Honey Producers Association has wrapped up for the 2004 season. Our next meeting will be in February. We remind all beekeepers in the northwest that our area is closed to bee imports, including queens. This is to ensure we remain mite-free. We need new members and welcome beginners. Anyone wishing to become a member may contact Martin at 635-3289 or Yvette at 638-1533.

**Fruit Tree Registry.** The Hungry Kids Committee is still looking for tasty and ripe local fruit to supply to local schools. If you have fruit to donate or sell, please call Agatha at 638-1863 or 638-7734, or fax 638-1873 or email [terrace.osa@telus.net](mailto:terrace.osa@telus.net) "fruit tree" in subject line. We also need volunteers to pick fruit and for transport. Register your fruit tree now so planning can begin for next season!

**Al-Anon** meets every Monday evening at the Zion Baptist Church in Terrace at 2911 Sparks Ave. Beginners meeting from 7-8 p.m., step meeting from 8-9 p.m. Call 638-1088 for more information.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

## TUESDAYS

**DAIKO JI SOTOZEN CENTRE** hosts Zazen meditation every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the centre. For info phone 635-3455.

**T'AI CHI FOR SENIORS** is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. at the Happy Gang Centre. For more info call Marg at 638-6364.

**THE TERRACE COMMUNITY BAND** rehearses Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. in the Skeena Junior band room. We welcome all new and former adult members to join in the fun. For info, please call 635-4729.

**SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY** meets the third Tuesday of every month from September to June at 7:30 p.m. at Stepping Stone Clubhouse. For more information call 638-2202.

**SHAMROCK 4-H CLUB** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Cassie Hall School Library. New members from ages 9 to 19 welcome. Call 635-4134 for more information.

**TERRACE WRITERS' GUILD** meets the last Tuesday of every month in Groundworks Cafe at 7:30 p.m. Very informal get together to share information and give positive encouragement. For more info call Chantal 638-7978.

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<b>Weight:</b> 5 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>Weight:</b> 6 lbs. 6 oz.
<b>Sex:</b> Male	<b>Sex:</b> Female
<b>Parents:</b> Kathy McKay & Don Wiley "A little brother for Kennedy"	<b>Parents:</b> Robin & Sandra Kilgren "A little sister for Mackenzie"
<b>Baby's Name:</b> Cole Alexander Bennett	<b>Baby's Name:</b> Mikayla Mai Davies
<b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> Dec. 1, 2004 at 9:08 a.m.	<b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> Dec. 9, 2004 at 7:19 a.m.
<b>Weight:</b> 8 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>Weight:</b> 9 lbs. 8 oz.
<b>Sex:</b> Male	<b>Sex:</b> Male
<b>Parents:</b> Loralée & Wade Bennett "A little brother for Connor"	<b>Parents:</b> Jody Davies "A little sister for Chastity Jean"
<b>Baby's Name:</b> Dallies Davina Ocean Stanley	<b>Baby's Name:</b> Nathaniel Alexander Russ
<b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> Dec. 6, 2004 at 4:46 p.m.	<b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> Dec. 9, 2004 at 3:48
<b>Weight:</b> 7 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>Weight:</b> 9 lbs. 8 oz.
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# 'It's a community problem'

An expert explains why northerners need to take FASD so seriously

By JENNIFER LANG

THIRTY YEARS ago, a Terrace pediatrician thought he could help stamp out a devastating birth defect forever. His solution was simple — just tell women to stop drinking alcohol during their pregnancy.

Dr. Kojo (Kwadio) Asante had already noticed a disturbing pattern of physical and developmental problems in some of his young patients when a group of researchers at the University of Washington put their fingers on the problem.

They were the first to identify and describe Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a set of developmental and physical problems in children related to the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy.

Between 1970 and 1990 Asante worked as a pediatrician based in Terrace, regularly performing travelling clinics in Kitimat, the Hazeltons and Smithers as well as in the Yukon.

Asante realized the problems he was seeing in children in the north were entirely preventable. Or so he believed then.

Simply point out the risks and pregnant women would avoid drinking alcohol, he thought.

"We now know that this is not realistic," Asante told the *Terrace Standard*.

"We realize that many of the mothers have long term problems which need help," says Asante, who is now a leading expert in FASD, which affects approximately five in every 1,000 children born in B.C.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder refers to a range of birth defects caused by alcohol use during pregnancy.

Facial deformities, stunted growth, and neurological disabilities are just a few of the permanent disabilities associated with FASD.

"It can include learning disabilities, behaviour problems and sometimes there is mental retardation," he says.

"Making a correct diagnosis is not always straightforward, but Asante and other experts are helping to change that."

Specific guidelines have now been established that Asante hopes will lead to more uniform diagnoses across Canada.

Here in Terrace, the Kermode Friendship Society's early childhood development program is spearheading efforts to build a local multidisciplinary diagnostic and referral team.

Asante, who founded the Asante diagnostic and assessment centre in Maple Ridge, and his colleagues have

now held three training sessions in Terrace, including one that took place this summer.

He says diagnosis is not always straightforward, particularly when a child exhibits partial effects.

Asante says an early diagnosis is important because it means a child can then get the proper type of support that's so critical.

"Early recognition means the child starts to get some help, say, from the child development centre or special pre-school help. They get more time and more assistance both pre-school and in school."

Tragically, children with FASD who grow up without ever being diagnosed can end up in tragic circumstances — running into trouble with the law, or falling into drug use.

A diagnosis can also help explain behaviour to judges and lawyers, he points out.

"At any level, prevention in terms of early diagnosis improves the outcome."

Another long-term cost is a child with FASD who grows up to have children of her own with FASD, too.

"It's all a trap of an affected mother drinking and producing another affected child. It happens to all racial groups everywhere around the world."

The common part is a mother drinking while pregnant."

Early diagnosis also tells caregivers that they're not necessarily doing anything wrong when it comes to parenting skills.

Children with FASD may act out — but because they may not look different from other children, people forget they have brain damage, he says.

Asante says physicians, psychologists, speech and language pathologists, and occupational therapists each have a role to play when it comes to supporting a child with FASD.

Thirty years on, Asante no longer presumes FAS and its related effects will be completely wiped out.

Some women, he says, will still drink while they're pregnant. It's an unavoidable fact.

"You can never stop everybody from drinking," Asante says, pointing to the complexities behind alcohol dependency. "Some people are always going to drink."

He advocates more government support for pregnant women with alcohol or substance abuse problems, namely counseling and treatment programs

— along with continuing to let people know about the risks of alcohol during pregnancy.

"This is a community problem," he says.

"If we can spend money on each pregnant woman to help and support them, it goes a long way in preventing future problems."

Nationally, two children out of every 1,000 born each year have FAS, but it's thought to be much higher in northern B.C. — possibly as high as one in 30 live births.

That's an alarming statistic to people like Northwest Community College official Alice Maitland, who says many students she sees are affected by FASD.

"It's huge and it's going to be worse if we don't do something about it," Maitland says.

She sees the diagnostic team in Terrace as a positive step.

The sooner children can be properly diagnosed the better, she says. That way they can get help and support they need.

She notes that current government funding for FASD tends to be for things like conferences, including an upcoming event in the Hazeltons planned for May 14-16.

Maitland says the federal and provincial governments must also provide funding for programs that are ongoing, and that's going to take lobbying.

"It's a huge problem. We have a large percentage of affected people in the north."

Asante, meanwhile, may no longer believe he'll convince every pregnant woman to avoid alcohol — but he does see much cause for hope.

While FASD has not disappeared, the more severe form of the defect is less prevalent now — a reflection of the change in attitudes towards drinking and pregnancy.

To Asante, it demonstrates that the message is getting across to many women.

"I think there is a change," Asante says. "I think probably we are winning — but slowly."

Even today, women are bombarded with conflicting messages when it comes to alcohol and pregnancy.

Asante's advice?

"It's better not to drink when one is pregnant," he says. "The question is, how much alcohol would one give a six month old? One beer a day? One gin a day? Every other day? The baby gets the same as the mother is drinking."

"Any amount is not good and may harm the fetus," he adds. "There are enough problems [during pregnancy] without adding alcohol."



Dr. Kojo Asante



Alice Maitland



## ■ It's fun, too

CARLA SEATON, (from left), Nina Bolton, Rebecca Watts and Phyllis Wells of the House of Friends Lunch Club at Thornhill Jr. Secondary donated \$364 to Terrace Anti-Poverty Group Society's Children's Christmas Campaign last week. The donation represents the proceeds from weeks of muffin and hot chocolate sales on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and two raffles. The club supported the campaign because of its emphasis on children, says club organizer Beth Holmberg, the school's First Nations support worker (pictured second from right, beside Terrace Anti Poverty's Rosanne Pearce.) Students can use their volunteer experience towards hours for their Planning 10 class and are eligible to apply for bursaries and awards that require involvement with a community group. JENNIFER LANG

## Some playful workshops

A PROFESSIONAL theatre consultant is coming to Terrace next month to help develop a locally-written play.

*Lil's Closet* is local playwright Denine Milner's first play.

Fran Gebhard, a theatre instructor at the University of Victoria and a dramaturg

at The Playwrights Centre, is holding script reading workshops on *Lil's Closet* with the Terrace Little Theatre Jan. 7-9.

Gebhard, who is coming here with the assistance of the Terrace and District Arts Council, will return later on in 2005 to help develop Milner's script.

New and existing TLT members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming workshops, which provide an excellent educational opportunity.

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## Vandals Part 2

The abuse of defenseless creatures is abhorrent to good people. This is why news of the spearing and stoning of salmon in the Brunette River tributary of Stoney Creek was met with such outrage and revulsion.

The fact that the act was committed by teens and that the victims were the first salmon to return to that creek for 50 years, was the reason the story was picked up by the Associated Press and received international coverage.

So why would children old enough to know better perpetrate such an act? The Stoney Creek Salmon project, with its annual Salmon Sendoffs, was a well known public undertaking.

Perhaps the vandals' actions were an act of rebellious defiance. The restless years between childhood and adulthood are a time of ferment. Teens with time on their hands, without a clear sense of responsibility, no idea of their role in the larger picture, craving excitement and believing they are owed it, are capable of inflicting a lot of damage for its own sake.

Whatever the cause, it's rooted in upbringing. We can't escape it.

A kid whose parents spent a lot of time with him, one whose dad had some experience with the natural world and passed his love of outdoor recreation along with a respect for the environment, would never stone a salmon.

Unfortunately, with burgeoning urbanization people are more removed from the natural world as more of the natural world is being removed from them.

In an age when an urban childhood is a long series of shuttles between organized activities (including organized play) and school interspersed with workouts on video games and the internet with an occasional respite provided by unreal TV, the reality of the natural world and their place in it becomes increasingly abstract to children.

Now, more than ever, kids need to have good role models, adults in positions of power who speak strongly and act strongly in defense of the environment.

Uncompromising champions of the biosphere like David Suzuki and politicians like environment minister David Anderson, an avid outdoorsman who stayed firm on Kyoto and refused to budge on oil exploration and tanker traffic on our west coast, are the kind of principled adults a kid can look up to.

I should say former Minister of the Environment, for Prime Minister Martin, who, in his election run-up said protecting the environment was not optional, but something that had to be done, replaced the experienced and knowledgeable Anderson with Stephan Dion for reasons that remain obscure.

Barely out of the gate, Dion had a chin wag with the federal fisheries minister, Regan, about which of the more than 90 species ought to receive special protection under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

Ultimately they afforded 79 mammals, birds and aquatic species and populations the stringent protections of SARA. Notably absent from protection were Cultus Lake Sockeye, salmon which have plummeted from 75,000 fish to 78.

If we can protect salamanders and slugs, why can't we protect a unique race of salmon whose decline has been tracked for 17 years by scientists and declared endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada?

The answer, as clearly stated by Dion, is that he is going to overrule scientists because listing the sockeye "could cost the sockeye fishing industry \$125 million in lost revenue by 2008," and "[t]here would also be significant impacts on First Nations Food, Social and Ceremonial fisheries."

While preaching "biodiversity and sustainability" out of one side of his mouth, Dion states flat out that he will do nothing that might hurt the unwieldy mixed stock fishery that has all but wiped out Cultus Lake sockeye, caused all sorts of problems with Fraser sockeye in general and decimated Thompson River steelhead.

Aldo Leopold once said that the first law of tinkering is to save all the parts.

The sockeye salmon that have run up the Fraser to Cultus Lake since the time salmon began to run, are one genetically distinct part of the natural engine known as the Fraser Salmon run.

Under gutless men like Dion and Regan it will disappear, because the root cause of that disappearance remains, another part will fall off, then another, then the engine will sputter to halt.

While they are doing community time the teens who speared and stoned salmon in Stoney Creek might well wonder why they were punished when cabinet ministers knowingly let a whole race of

## First aid is priority: league

By MARGARET SPEIRS  
THE CROWD ROARS. With time running out and the Ice Demons up by one goal, the pressure's on the River Kings.

A hard check into the boards and a Kitimat hockey player goes down in pain.

Play stops with just over three minutes left in the game while trainers attend to him.

After several minutes, he's carried off the ice on a "plastic Mr. Sieve goalie sheet" or "shooter tooter" and laid on the concrete near the Zamboni.

More time passes before he's finally taken away by an ambulance crew.

With the CIHL season more than halfway completed, and the many injuries that have removed players from the game or the season, it's surprising to learn from league president Bobby Love that there's no requirement for emergency equipment at the games.

"While it is expected each team in the league will have proper first aid equipment, there is no expectation on each team to have stretchers," he said.

"This is primarily the responsibility of the rink facility."

Love said each CIHL team is responsible for first aid for its players.

His home team, the Smithers Steelheads, has two first aid attendants and the trainer is also level 3 certified in first aid.

"He has an incredible amount of experience with similar types of injuries," Love said of the trainer.

He hopes every team has placed a high priority on player and fan safety.

"Incidents such as the one that occurred in Terrace are very bad for the sport, the team and the league," he said.

"If there is anything good to come out of this incident it's that the league, through the executive, will take immediate actions to ensure that all teams are aware that it is their responsibility to ensure the arenas they play in are adequately equipped to deal with these matters."

"They will also be informed that they should have more than adequate numbers of first aid attendants to deal with injured players and fans."

Love said "more than adequate" means having more than only a trainer with first aid and back up first aid attendants being present for emergencies.

These measures would ensure teams could have enough first aid for any injured players or fans.

At least one Kitimat fan had an answer to how the City of Terrace could fund additional first aid equipment.

"The City of Terrace should take \$100 out of its second sheet of ice fund and buy a stretcher for their existing one," wrote sports reporter Allan Hewison in the

Dec 1 Northern Sentinel.

Love said River Kings manager Tim Lepp indicated that ambulance services were strained during the Nov. 25 game, when the Kitimat player was hurt, resulting in a delay in the ambulance's arrival at the Terrace Arena.

Lepp said he talked to ambulance crews, who said their 10 minute response time wasn't out of the ordinary.

Paramedics said it may have been a bit longer than usual but they had other calls to attend.

"They did phone and ask if he was bleeding out or had a life threatening injury," he said.

Lepp met with the City of Terrace earlier this month, and was informed a spine board can't be supplied for liability reasons.

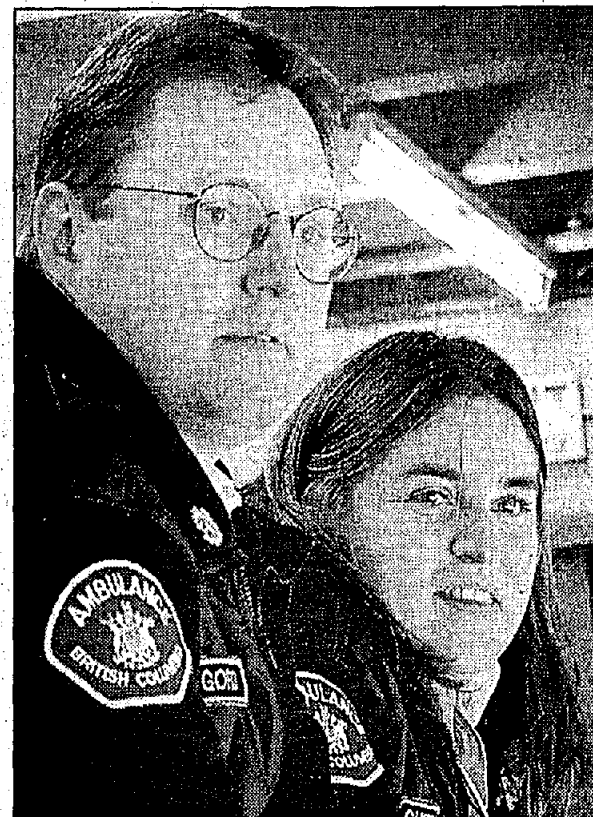
The River Kings have acquired a spine board for use by their certified first aid attendant.

"We've been told if there's an injury and the person can't get up or get off the ice on their own accord, all we're allowed to do is immobilize them," he said.

"We're not allowed to move them until the ambulance attendant gets there."

The River Kings trainer has Level 3 first aid training.

If a fan is injured, Lepp said the team trainer would assist as much as possible and then wait for the ambulance attendant.



GORD LAWLEY and Cheryl Spencer, B.C. Ambulance Service paramedics, watch the River Kings destroy 100 Mile House on Dec 4. They volunteered their free time to attend the game and have signed up to come to the remaining games. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

Two paramedics attended the Dec 4 and 5 games after Lepp requested their presence.

They volunteered their time to attend home games with the ambulance parked by the arena's back door.

If ambulance attendants are called away from the game to an emergency, they will inform someone, Lepp said.

However, since the paramedics attending home games will be off-duty, Lepp said the chances of them being called away are slim to none.

"We feel we've done our part to rectify that situation," he said.

"We're glad they're there. It certainly gives us a level of comfort and security knowing they're onsite."

## Sport Scope

## Cal comes close in Kermode Classic

CALEDONIA came away almost at the top in their Kermode Classic Basketball Tournament on Dec 10 and 11.

The wily bears beat Smithers 78-66 in their first game, then toasted Charles Hayes 78-44 to qualify for the final.

After a back-and-forth game, a missed lay-up at the buzzer cost them the final 68-66 to Prince Rupert Secondary, leaving them in second place.

Athletic coordinator Keith Axelson said the team played well.

"They were really nervous, I could tell," he said. "They didn't play that great but they were doing some things pretty positively."

Jag Aujla led his teammates with 25 points in the final game.

Mike Harris scored 19 points and Corey George's 11 points rounded out the top three shooters.

Amen Parmar and Harris were named Cal's all-stars. Aujla was runner-up.

Axelson said Cal will play Smithers during the Christmas break.

Their next tournament is at Duchess Park Secondary in Prince George on Jan 6.

## Thornhill wins zones banner

FOR THE FIRST time in 10 years, Thornhill junior girls volleyball scored a banner to hang in the school's display case.

It's the first banner the school has won for any sport in four years, according to junior girls volleyball coach Cory Killoran.

"They played wonderfully," he said. "It was pretty good," he said.

Killoran had faith in his team going into the tournament. "The girls were sort of hesitant but I thought we had a good chance," he said.

The B-team had played against A-teams for the whole season and hadn't fared too well.

However, once they met their B-school competition, they found their opponents easier to beat.

Power player Kate Dempster, who played very strong defensively at net, was named to the all-star team.

Killoran said the whole team played well.

"They're a strong good group of girls," he said. "The win meant a lot to his players, most of whom are moving on to Caledonia next year."

## Hoops correction

IN THE Dec 8 Standard, we incorrectly reported that the All Native Basketball Tournament will be held in Terrace on Feb 6 to 12.

In fact, it will be played in Prince Rupert. We apologize for our geographical error and return you



## Snow bunnies

FORMER Standard summer intern Rebecca Collard, right, and roommate Julia Hill skied and snowboarded their way down Shames Mountain during its opening weekend on Dec 12. Many Terracites of all ages took to the slopes to enjoy excellent snow conditions on the first sunny days this season.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

## Christmas gift ideas for girls

ACTIVE gifts for girls and women can encourage activity and family outings to add some fun and exercise to the winter months.

The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity, CAAWS, asked three active family members, an 11-year-old girl, a 14-year-old girl and their mom, for gifts they'd love.

Suggestions that would be great for girls aged 11 to 14 include a day of activity such as rock climbing, snowboard lessons and skiing, a trip to a university soccer, basketball, volleyball or hockey game that comes with a pizza treat, and Team Canada clothing.

For the teenaged girl, how about an MP3 player so she can listen to music while training, or riding the bus home from practice, a cell phone to take for safety on the run, stylish athletic wear to join in on a pickup game of ball after school or even a new sport watch.

Other ideas include exercise gear for indoor activity such as an exercise ball, yoga mat, skipping rope, or treadmill for safe

for Pilates training, yoga, or a balance ball workout.

An hour with a trainer could teach her to use weights and exercise equipment properly.

Mom would enjoy a membership to a fitness club with an offer to look after her young children or do the household work while she's there, a trial membership in an activity she's been wondering about, such as yoga, pilates or weight training, or a stocking stuffer of hand and feet warmers for a winter walk or outdoor skate.

She'd also love new skates or skis, exercise clothing, shoes or accessories.

Online stores to purchase sports merchandise include [www.canadasoccer.com](http://www.canadasoccer.com) for youth-sized soccer shirts; [www.basketball.ca](http://www.basketball.ca) for its website, [www.swimming.ca/store/index\\_e.asp](http://www.swimming.ca/store/index_e.asp) features calendars and tops and t-shirts in women's sizes, and [www.paralympic.ca](http://www.paralympic.ca) for backpacks, shirts and caps.

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sure to be laughing and

smiling when you were in

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always happy to see him

drive by with his one finger wave. He will be very sadly

missed but never forgotten.



We will miss you Trev

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Jan. 5, 1953 -

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in our thoughts we hold you

dear

Your smile, your touch, your

joie de vivre

Too soon, too soon you had

to leave

Time passes but never our

love or longing

Forever in our hearts

Love, Pauline

Jefferey &amp; Becky

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In memory of a

loving daughter,

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You left us beautiful

memories

Your love will be our guide

Although we cannot see you

You are always at our side

Our family chain is broken

And nothing is the same

As God calls us one by one

The chain will link again

Love always,

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**MOTHER OF** one in Thornhill area is willing to babysit full time weekdays in her own home. Call 635-3707 (48P3)

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### Looking for Child Care?

Skeena Child Care Resource and Referral has information on child care options and on choosing child care. Drop by The Family Place at 4553 Park Ave. Wed-Fri • 10am-4pm or call 638-1113. Skeena CCR is a program of the Terrace Women's Resource Society and is funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

### 328 Finance/ Mortgage

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION ...GIVE THE GIFT OF LEARNING

### Running out of ideas for Christmas gifts?

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Go to [www.nwcc.bc.ca](http://www.nwcc.bc.ca) and click on the Continuing Education Opportunities link. Right mouse click the calendar link and save to your desktop for viewing throughout this winter and spring.

The printed calendar will come to your homes with the Terrace Standard on December 29th.

Call 635-6511 to register.  
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**AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.** Very nice two bedroom 2nd floor apartment. Very reasonable rent. Within walking distance to Wal-Mart and Superstore. On-site management with secure video entrance. Phone (250)638-1622 (48P6)

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**SMITHERS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION**  
JOB POSTING - COMPETITION #146  
Community Assistance/Risk Reduction Worker

Smithers Community Services Association is seeking applications to fill a full-time position covering two programs. Both programs provide support and resource coordination and require a person with experience in working with youth, families and adults who face multiple challenges. The successful applicant will need: 1) Relevant education and training. 2) To be familiar with local program and resources. 3) To have a strong social services background, and have skills in supporting employment skills development.

**Risk Reduction Job Summary:** 1) To provide support to parents, youth and children by working toward specific goals as set out by Ministry for Children and Family Development. 2) To facilitate positive parental access to children who are in care.

**Community Assistance Job Summary:** To assist multi-burdened adults in developing personal plans toward eventual employment.

The position will be full-time, 35 hours/week with some flexible work required. Full benefit package provided. For a full job description please contact Smithers Community Services Association at 847-9515 or toll free at 1-888-355-6222.

Please label resume Re: Competition #146 and send to: Smithers Community Services Association, P.O. Box 3759, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 FAX: (250) 847-3712 • E-MAIL: [general@scsa.ca](mailto:general@scsa.ca) Application deadline is December 30, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

**SMITHERS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION**  
JOB POSTING - COMPETITION #147  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Services Coordinator • Permanent Full-time Position

Position Summary: Under the guidance of and in conjunction with the Bulkley Valley FASD Prevention Committee, the FASD Prevention Coordinator will provide support and resource coordination and require a person with experience in working with youth, families and adults who face multiple challenges. The successful applicant will need: 1) Relevant education and training. 2) To be familiar with local program and resources. 3) To have a strong social services background, and have skills in supporting employment skills development.

**Qualifications:** Preferred education is a Master's degree in Social Work or other relevant discipline. Minimum education requirement is a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or other relevant discipline. Relevant training and substantial experience in the human services field. Experience and training in service coordination and management. Demonstrated knowledge and expertise with community-based process, development and leadership skills. Sound knowledge of the issues relating to FASD as it affects individuals, families and communities. Community development knowledge and skills. Ability to work effectively with communities, boards and community in a team approach. Strong written and verbal skills, including public speaking. Ability to develop and deliver public presentations.

Closing Date: December 30, 2004

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### 436 Halls/ Auditoriums

## 420 Commercial

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### 428 Duplex/ Fourplex

## FOR RENT

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also known as **JOSEPH RAINER**,  
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Terrace, British Columbia  
Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **JOSEF RAINER** are hereby notified that particulars of their claims should be sent to the undersigned Executor at #2002-4630 Lozelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C., V8G 1S6, on or before **JANUARY 28, 2005**, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims that have then been received.  
**Marianne Munson, Executor.**  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS.

Re The estate of **AUSTIN ERNEST FISHER**  
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**Rose Cortez**  
Executor of the will.

### NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A69987

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A69987 is being offered for sale by the Skeena Business Area.  
Closing Date: January 13, 2005 @ 8:30 am  
Geographic Location: 4 km on the Kuldo 2600 FSR off the Kuldo FSR  
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Species percent: Balsam 25%, Hemlock 63%, Spruce 12%  
This licence requires the building of approximately 1.5 kilometres of on-block roads.  
This licence is subject to, among other things, new maximum term limits and extension fee and surrender provisions. Applicants are advised to carefully consider the impact of these changes when formulating their bids. Further information on these changes may be found in Advisory Bulletin 11/04/03.  
Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC timber sales enterprise in Category 1, 2 or 3. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1 until 10:30 am on January 13, 2005.  
There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSL can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office by contacting the receptionist at 250 638-5100. Contact Steve St. John at 250 642-7665 for field enquiry's only.  
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Closing Date: January 13, 2005 @ 10:30 am  
Geographic Location: 1.3 km on the 2700A Road off the Kuldo FSR  
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## Greetings of the Season!

## Warm wishes from around the globe

From Ontario to Thailand, from the Middle East to Antarctica, the Terrace Standard's on line readers have emailed Christmas greetings.

It's part of our annual tradition here of turning the Standard's web site, [www.terracestandard.com](http://www.terracestandard.com), into a Christmas card of the web to help Terrace's extended digital family reconnect with each other.

We've included as many greetings as possible on pages C1, C2 and page A5 of this Christmas edition. You can also find Eric Duncan's message from the South Pole on page C10.

Merry Christmas from everyone here at the Terrace Standard.

Merry Christmas everyone from sunny Qatar in the Middle East.

We're freezing here - it's only 24 degrees!

Sure miss the snow, all our friends and Christmas in Terrace.

Special hello to the Thornhill Rotary Club.

Salam W'allah kum (God's peace be upon you).

Gary Jopson and Mary Anne Skill Qatar

Hello Terrace.

Wishing all my friends a very merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

Things are going well here in Lethbridge, Alberta - busy all the time.

I am currently managing our Arctic Cat, Kawasaki store and that keeps me going pretty steady.

I do miss all of you and the country up there.

Once again, to all my friends, it is very easy to get here. Just go east on Highway 16, turn right at Edmonton, and go straight down through Calgary and on to Lethbridge.

Try it some time. Would love to have you visit.

Take care and may God bless you.

Joe, Kerry, Alyssa, Marlee and Ashton Malinowski

Lethbridge, Alberta.

My name is Kayla and I was born in Terrace.

I now live in Ottawa but I will be returning to Terrace to visit for the holidays.

I want to send Christmas wishes to

Daddy, Sarah, Elhan, Nana, Papa, Uncle Kieran, Auntie Fay, and Jordan.

I miss you all and will see you on December 27th.

Kayla Campbell

Ottawa, Ontario.

Hello from Hawaii (Vancouver).

A warm "Happy Holidays" to the family still in the North and the good old friends we don't see often enough - Brian Gregg, Brad North, Bob Middleton, Ed Haugland, Susan Kaulbeck and Harv, Laurie and Sandi Parr, Tiff Johnson, and all the rest - you know who you are.

Best regards,

John Harris

Vancouver, B.C.

We wish to extend our most sincere good wishes, prosperity and a very Merry Christmas to all our friends in Terrace. Your kindness and support through recent years has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Ted and Sally Barry

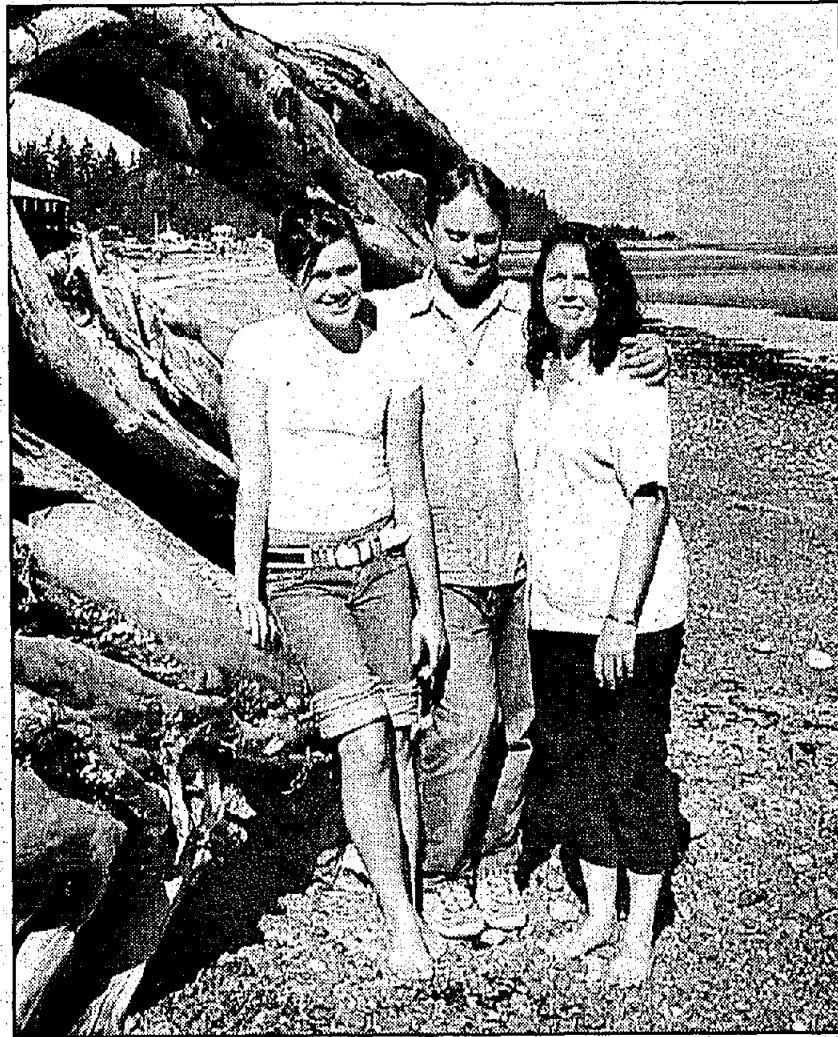
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A very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends in Terrace, especially to our friends at the Pentecostal Church and The Rock.

Blessings from us to you.

Ken and Colleen Ziegler and Chey Vernon, B.C.

We would like to say hi to all our family in Terrace and wish them a very Merry Christmas. To Grandma Liz, Aunt Barb, Uncle Brent, Todd & Linzie, Uncle



AMANDA, Ralph and Lisa Godlinski sent Christmas Greetings from Vancouver Island. The former Terrace family now lives in Comox.

Fred, Aunt Donna, Nicole & Robyn and all of our great aunts, cousins and friends, we wish you all the best for a terrific 2005! Miss you all and we'll talk to you soon!

Love,  
Tammy, Chris, Brandon and Kaley Pilon

Alliston, Ontario

Merry Christmas Grandma Trudy &

Grandpa Gene (Rafuse), Great Grandpa Bill (Rafuse) and Great Granny Jean & Great Grandpa Ted (Hamer). Also, to all the Hamer clan, Merry Christmas! I miss you all!

Love,  
Addison Behrlich

Fort McMurray, Alberta

Merry Christmas to all our family and friends in Terrace!

Enjoying Island life but missing you all. Hope this message finds you all happy and health this season.

Happy Holidays from Comox, B.C.  
Ralph, Lisa & Amanda Godlinski

Hello friends! This is Shirley Huu-monen (Satterthwaite) here. Just a little note to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season and the very best for 2005!

I live in Sicamous now. I am very sorry to say that I was unable to make it to the school reunion this last summer, but thanks to Gayle and Susan, I did see some of the pictures.

We have one grandson who is just 10 months old. We will be going to Vancouver Island to see our kids for Christmas. It will be so much fun with a little one around.

Take care. We think of you folks lots!

Happy Holiday!

Shirley and Tapio Huu-monen and family

Sicamous, B.C.

Merry Christmas! A better New Year 2005! Sending a big hug to all our friends in Terrace from the Cowmans in Whitehorse, Yukon! We miss you!

God's blessings to each and everyone in Terrace!

Greg and Holly Cowman

Whitehorse, Yukon

Hello to all of our family and friends from sunny High Level, Alberta. Just wanted to wish each of you health and happiness for the New Year.

We are missing everyone especially Grandma S. (Garbonzo Beans), Uncle Ron and Auntie Karleen, Auntie Carol and Uncle Earl Ellis, Grandma Carol, and last but not least "Grandpa Gerald."

Happy Holiday Everyone,  
Alex, Hayden, Colleen and Garnet Eyjolfson

High Level, Alberta

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TERRACE memories last forever. That's Thalina van den Hende (right) with her husband and grandchildren in Groningen, the Netherlands. She lived in Terrace - 41 years ago - before returning to Holland. Like many former Terrace residents around the globe, she reads the Terrace news at the Standard's web site.

From C1

## Four decades later, they still remember Terrace

Merry Christmas and a very good 2005 to all who remember us - the van den Hendes! My name is Thalina (or Thally) van den Hende / Wilkens and we moved back to Holland 41 years ago, but still haven't forgotten Terrace! (how can anyone?)

On the photo is my husband and I and our three grandkids. Hope to hear from some old friends! Email: j.wilkens@home.nl Greetings from Groninge, the Netherlands!

**Thalina van den Hende / Wilkens!**  
Groningen, Netherlands

Happy Holiday's to you and your family!

To everyone Back in Gitxaala Nation! We would like to wish everyone back home a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope your holidays are a blast. Take care and Best Wishes everyone!  
**Gary and Brenda Hill, and Lil Gary**  
Terrace, B.C.

I love you and miss you Grandma Trudy & Grandpa Gene (Rafuse) and you too, Great Granny Jean & Great Grandpa Ted (Hamer) and Great Grandpa Bill (Rafuse).

Merry Christmas to you and all of the Hamers.

Love,  
**Kiera Behrisch**  
Fort McMurray, Alberta

I want to wish Grandma Trudy & Grandpa Gene (Rafuse) a very Merry Christmas. Also, to Great Granny Jean & Great Grandpa Ted (Hamer) and Great Grandpa Bill (Rafuse) too. I miss you all! Merry Christmas to all the rest of the Hamer clan too!

Love,  
**Sydney Behrisch**  
Fort McMurray, Alberta

I would like to send a Christmas Greeting to my buddy in Terrace, Elvira Woods. Also to let you know it was a pleasure meeting you at the college. Hope you have a great holiday. I know I will try.

I would also like to send a Christmas greeting to one of my friends at NWCC, Nabeela Chaudry. I hope you have a great holiday. See you back at school in January. Drive safe, and have fun. From your friend  
**Brenda Hill**  
Terrace B.C.

**Season's Greetings**  
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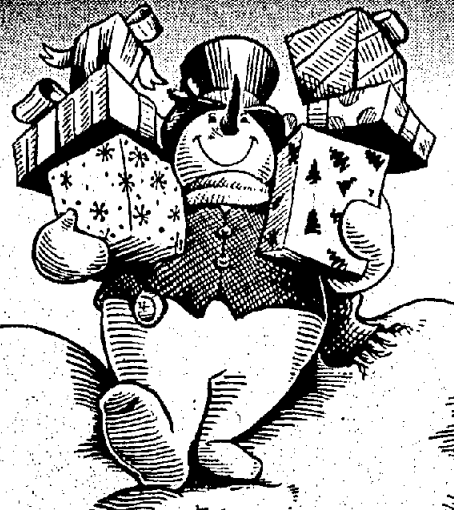
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## Big bench trees a seasonal treat

By **LESLIE  
DICKSON**  
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ming one twice as tall as  
your house.

That's what two Terrace  
facilities have been doing  
for years.

The 60-foot tree in front  
of the Terraceview Lodge  
has been lighting the night  
sky for more than twenty  
Christmases, says mainte-  
nance worker Corbett Janes.

Trimmed with about 250  
over-sized light bulbs, the  
tree has become a holiday  
landmark.

Janes said it was first  
decorated by a few local en-  
gineers when the now-gone  
Skeenaview senior citizens  
home occupied the spot.

"That's when it was not  
so huge and they would  
climb up there and throw  
some lights on," said Janes  
of the tree.

It wasn't lit for the last  
few years Skeenaview was  
open, but the tradition was  
renewed in the mid-80s  
shortly after the opening of  
Terraceview.

Janes restrung the tree  
with lights using a wood  
frame and bucket truck do-  
nated by BC Hydro.

The current star was de-  
signed by the late Chuck  
Magnus, a local electrici-  
an and husband of long-  
time Terraceview employee,  
Ruth Magnus.

Since then, the tree has  
grown beyond climbing  
height. Rain Coast Cranes  
owner Milt Lindsay donates  
the use of a crane every  
couple of years so Janes can  
replace light bulbs.

The tree burns a bit  
brighter this year, as bulbs  
were changed and tree  
branches obscuring the star  
were trimmed earlier this  
month by Corbett with the



IT'S UP high work for Corbett Janes from Terraceview Lodge as a Rain Coast Crane swings him into place so he can change light bulbs on the lodge's large outdoor Christmas tree. Its lighting up each year carries on a long tradition.

LESLIE DICKSON PHOTO

help of Lindsay, and Jim  
Stainton.

Janes said people both  
near and far enjoy the lights.

"It's a nice thing for the  
community at this time of  
year," said Janes.

The tree that towers over  
the Northwest Commu-  
nity College's parking lot,  
though strung more recently,  
also brightens the local com-  
munity.

Peter Crompton, the  
college's former building  
services manager, says the  
hemlock was first lit seven  
or eight years ago, due to the  
urgings of people at the col-  
lege and beyond.

"We just thought it was  
time to brighten up the col-  
lege grounds at this time of  
year," said Crompton.

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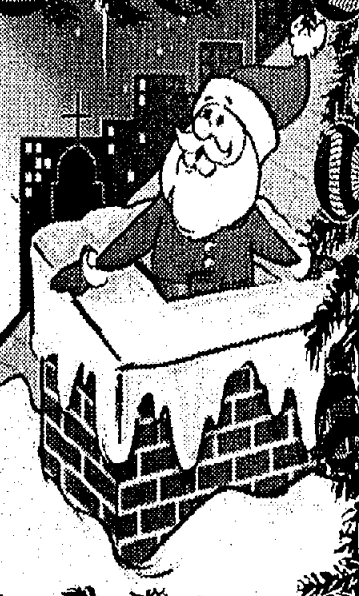
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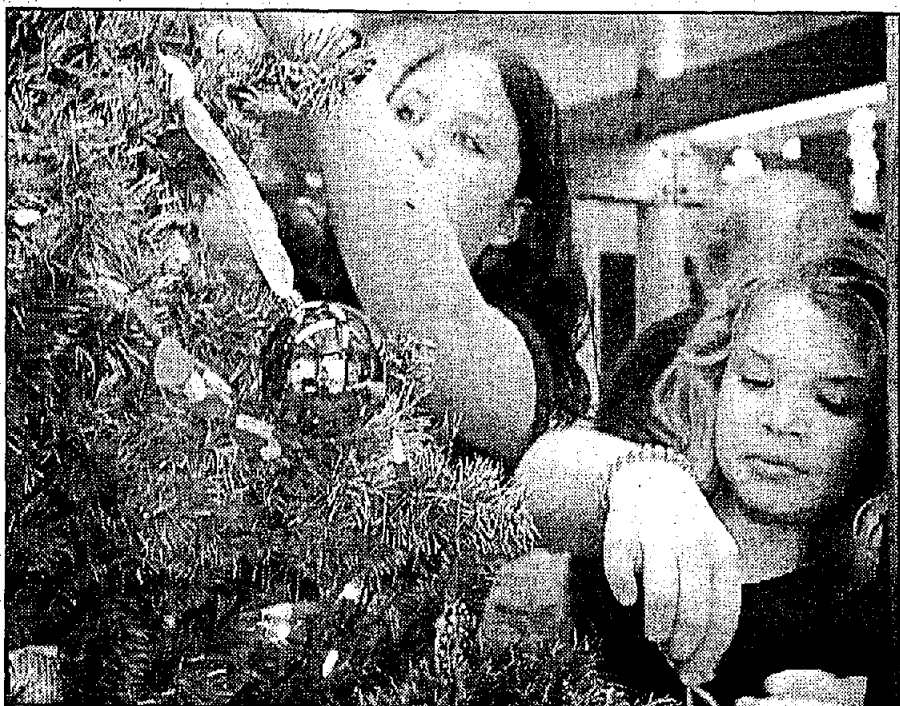
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CHRISTMAS AT Terraceview Lodge receives a boost each year from family members of residents and from volunteers. Jessica Cook, 15, from Skeena Junior and Jenna Prest, 9, who was there to decorate with her grandfather, Bob Reay, adjust the trimming on a tree in the common area. **LESLIE DICKSON PHOTO**

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## Volunteers brighten up Terraceview Lodge

By **LESLIE DICKSON**

**VOLUNTEERS** around the community are helping bring Christmas to the residents of Terraceview Lodge.

Terraceview's recreation co-ordinator Bonnie Casault said holiday events at Terraceview are bolstered by community volunteers and donations.

On Dec. 11, a group of local high school students came to Terraceview to trim three Christmas trees for the residents.

Caledonia student Jessica Cook, 17, said she gets satisfaction out of volunteering at Terraceview.

"It's good to know that you can help people," said Cook.

Jenna Prest, 9, also helped her grandfather, Terraceview resident Bob Reay, decorate the trees. Jenna's mother, Janet Reay, said Jenna was so excited about coming up to visit her grandfather that she asked to have a new dress for the occasion.

"She's been looking forward to this day," said Reay.

The Northwest Singers, Terrace Community Band and Terrace Symphony Orchestra have also given their time by performing at Terraceview.

And last Saturday all residents received teddy bears donated by liquor store customers during Terraceview's resident and family Christmas party.

Residents can expect at least one more Christmas present courtesy of the Kinetite Club of Terrace. A Kinetite volunteer will give a gift to each resident on Christmas Day.

Casault said the Christmas events, started about five years ago, help maintain community and family involvement in the residents' lives.

"We just thought it was an idea that could include residents and family in traditional activities," said Casault.

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## Tall trees are a long tradition

Crompton credits Tom Yeager, the college's groundskeeper for making it happen.

Yeager said the lights were put up with the help of Terrace Traffic Control, and local equipment is donated every couple of years to replace the bulbs.

Yeager hopes more lit trees on campus and beyond will be coming soon.

He has been eyeing groves of pyramid cedars along Kalum Lake Drive for their Christmas light potential, as well as a few more trees on campus.

"I've been pushing to do two or three more at the college. It's not expensive and I think the results are worth it," said Yeager. "When you drive in there it just makes you feel good."



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THE MAGI meet the Christ child at the last of the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly drive through nativity scenes. People could also walk through if they wished. It's the second year church members have done this. Donations of food and money were collected for the Terrace Churches Food Bank.

# Nativity drive-through popular

**By LESLIE DICKSON**

MORE than 700 people cruised through the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly's drive-through nativity scene Dec. 11 and 12.

"We had a really great response from the community," says Carol Laird, one of the event's organizers.

This was the second year the assembly put on the brightly lit life-sized drive-through outside the church.

Laird says about 60 per cent of those who walked or drove through this year were first timers.

This year the group put the call out early for donations and received enough non-perishable food items to fill two 45-gallon barrels set up at the drive through entrance and more than \$100 in cash donations.

The food will be donated to the Terrace Churches Food Bank.

The group got the idea for the Biblical drive-through after a Terrace resident mentioned going through a similar display at a church in Langley.

Volunteers worked hard last year building all the sets and making costumes for the two casts of volunteers that occupy the displays.

It took around 60 volunteers and cast members to put the event together this year.

Laird says they hope to continue the nativity drive-through in coming years.

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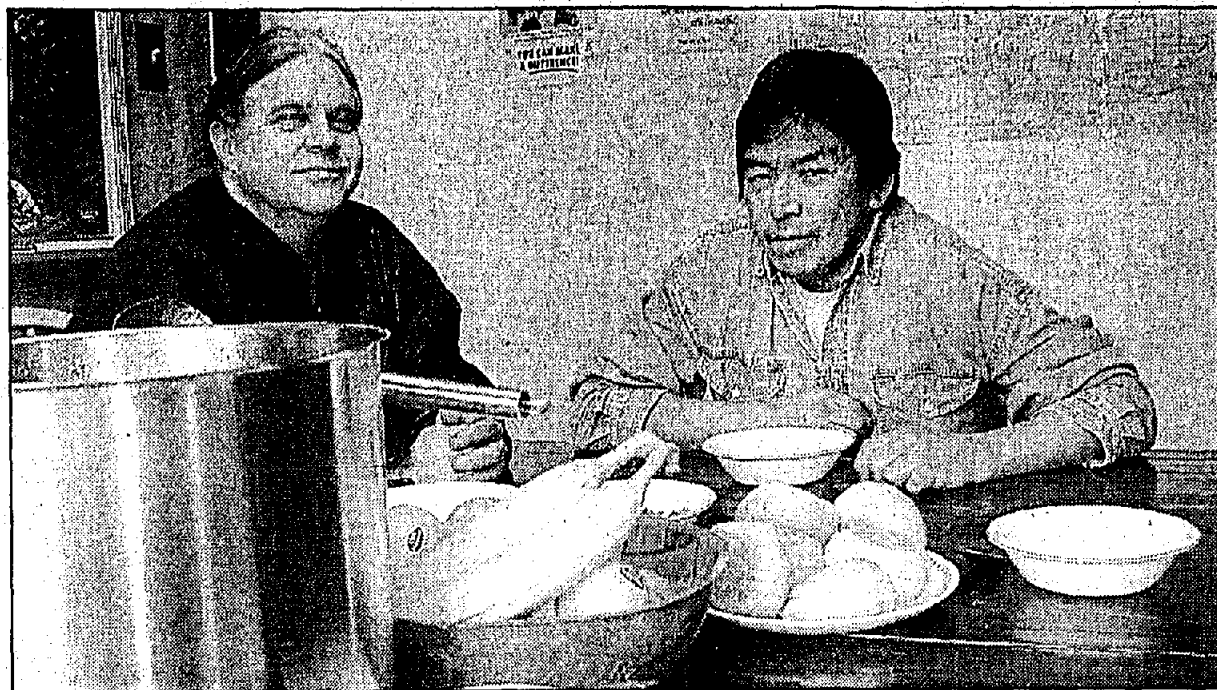
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LUNCHTIME: Blaine Stensgaard and "Joe" at the Terrace Emergency Shelter and Hostel last week. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

## Christmas at the shelter

By MARGARET SPEIRS

WHEN MOST of us sit down to Christmas dinner with family and friends, looking around the table at the feast before us and drooling as the aroma of turkey fills our nostrils, we may not think of those who don't have a bountiful feast and caring persons with them.

Often we forget those who may not have somewhere to spend Christmas.

However, those in need do have a place to go once again this year.

Christmas dinner with turkey and the trimmings will be available at the Terrace Emergency Shelter and Hostel.

Last year, about 50 people enjoyed the food at the Hall Street residence. Blaine Stensgaard, an outreach worker for Ksan House Society, expects the same number this year.

"We try to get it so everyone has somewhere to go," he says.

"For transients, we're their only Christmas."

This year, the shelter received an early present.

A room will be re-opened after renovations are completed, thanks to some extra money from the Northwest Band Social Workers Association.

Earlier this year, the shelter participated in a four-day workshop for residential school survivors with the social workers, who donated the money as a thank-you for the shelter's participation.

Stensgaard says the room is being redecorated with a First Nations theme as a dedication to survivors, who need recognition.

"People need to know about them because too many don't know," he says.

New furniture, including a bed, dresser and lamps will be purchased for the room.

The refurbished room will open near the end of January.

## It's no fun being away from home

By MARGARET SPEIRS  
IMAGINE LIFE in another country.

You're working. The people you serve and protect speak two different languages, neither of which you understand.

Your family is thousands of miles away, safe and warm at home.

And it's Christmas.

Cst. Ted Luscombe of the Terrace RCMP spent 20 years in the army, and two of his four tours on peacekeeping duty in Cyprus at Christmas.

He says it was tough, but others found it worse.

"It was a bit of a drag to say the least," he told the Terrace Standard last week.

"The worst part was the married men, who had a difficult time with it, those with children."

While everyone wanted to be home, married men seemed to suffer more.

"I used to see some of the married guys get down to the mess in their time off and they'd get a bit of beer in them. That brings out more feelings and they're sobbing away wishing they were home," he says, adding that wasn't a very regular occurrence.

He says loneliness wasn't an issue with 1,000 other men around.

Soldiers who weren't on shift would gather in the mess hall for their Christmas meal.

Army tradition dictated that the senior ranks served the meal to the junior ranks.

Luscombe did both in his career, which began as a private and ended as a warrant officer.

The meal, which wasn't necessarily on Christmas Eve, lifted everyone's spirits.

Soldiers received time off over the holidays so they ate dinner one evening, before they went.

Work for Luscombe meant standing on duty at an outpost watching the two feuding sides, the Greeks and Turks, and keeping them separated.

"Peacekeepers' objective was to keep the two warring parties apart, if we could, to keep the people safe," he says, adding peacekeeping duty is similar today.

He recalls one time when

the "honeywagon", or septic truck, came by to pump out the septic tank.

The British members of the U.N. contingent were responsible for travelling to the different outposts weekly and emptying the septic tank, which held all the base's refuse.

"Inevitably we'd be having lunch, my particular company lived in a bombed

out bus depot with rooms off that walkway and rooms around the kitchen down there, and it seemed like every blasted noon hour they'd pump our septic tank over lunch," he says, adding the soldiers eating lunch could smell the refuse.

Another time one company picked up a donkey as a mascot and brought it to lunch.

"This guy rode him down into the mess," he says.

Luscombe is married now with two sons and, while he loves being home with them, part of him still wants to go on tours.

His first tour in Cyprus was with the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1968 and his last was with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1980.

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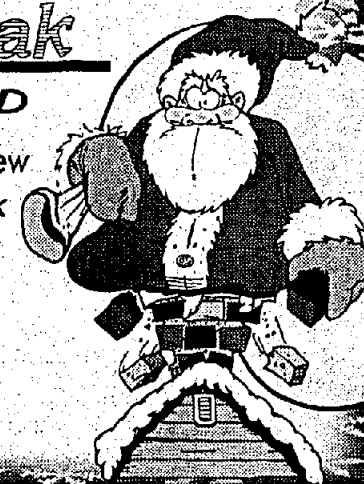
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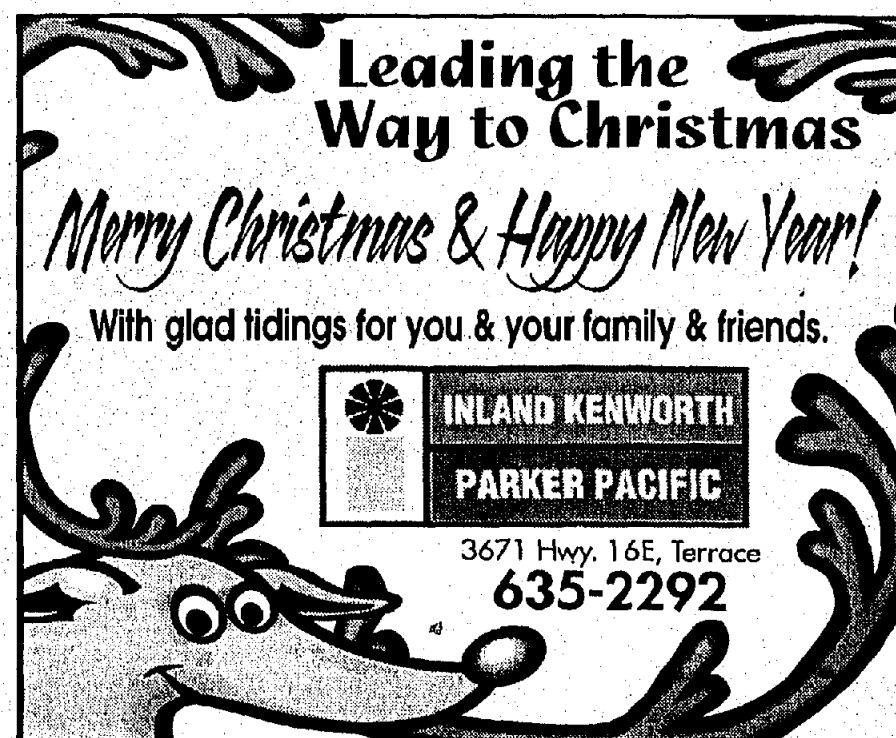
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# Mrs. Claus brings love and laughter this season

By JENNIFER LANG

IT MIGHT sound dreary to have to spend Christmas Day at the hospital, but that's certainly not the case in Terrace — thanks to Mrs. Claus.

For the past 17 years, Santa's better half has been bringing laughter and cheer (not to mention armloads of gifts) to patients at Mills Memorial Hospital every Dec. 25.

For the other 364 days of the year, Mrs. Claus is better known as Sandy Norman, a former practical nurse and professional entertainer, who got her start in showbiz as a girl in Montreal.

"I've always done crazy stuff," she says.

She doesn't consider it a sacrifice to spend part of her Christmas Day making strangers happy, when she could be home with her family.

It's simply a way of life.

"When I was young, my dad would take me and I would entertain at the children's hospital in Montreal. My dad was a Shriner. They always needed something on Christmas Day. A lot of people didn't do anything on Christmas Day — they'd do it the day before."

She'd read stories or dress up as a character (a favourite was Tonton the Clown from CBC's *Chez Helen* show).

As a girl she toured with the Golden Tones, and later with a group called the Blue Skyliners.

"We played everything



Mrs. Claus

from rock to rhythm and blues," she recalls.

After moving to Terrace, and raising a family, she continued to perform. She played the role of Bunny in a Terrace Little Theatre presentation of *California Suite*. And she was the cheerful "Tree" mascot when Terrace hosted the 1986 Northern B.C. Winter Games.

"It's been really fun."

Since she first took the stage at the age of 5 at her family church, Norman's gone on to do a little of everything — sing, dance, tell stories — performing for children and adults.

She enjoys playing outrageous characters such as Dolly Parton, or Mrs. Claus, a perennial favourite.

"Everybody wants me to do Mrs. Claus," she admits.

She's also taught children, worked as a practical nurse, and does animal

health care.

Playing Mrs. Claus is rewarding.

"I just love it," she says. "I get to do things a lot of people can't do."

For instance, things like jumping into bed with the patients, for a laugh.

"I'll say, 'I'll bet you've never slept with Mrs. Claus!'"

That line never fails to get a chuckle or a twinkle, at the very least.

She doesn't plan out her act when she and her elf (usually a family member, like her son) head down to the hospital around noon on each Dec. 25.

"We go in and we wing it — whatever it takes to make people laugh, we do," she says. "I just play everything by ear. I know if somebody can take a joke."

She finds that her irreverent, bold humour is just what the doctor ordered.

It also reaches people who otherwise have little reason to smile.

She remembers the time she dropped in on a terminally ill patient — someone she knew — who was seemingly beyond reach.

"I got up beside him. I said, 'I'll bet you've never slept with Mrs. Claus.' And he said, 'No, but I guess I am now.'"

He passed away soon after they spoke. His wife called to say how much the visit had brightened that dark day, which is something she'll never forget.

Mrs. Claus always arrives with her arms filled with gifts for the patients at Mills, taking a nod from her more famous mythical partner.

Over the years, different organizations have donated the gifts that are distributed to the patients.

Last year, for instance, Mrs. Claus handed out more than 30 stuffed bears donated by St. Matthews Anglican Church.

This year, the gifts will be donated by the Berean Family Fellowship.

She usually starts her visit around noon — in full Santa Claus costume (with a name tag reading Mrs. Claus), wig and makeup — and she's normally home by about 3 p.m. She drops by the psych unit, too.

She's prepared to do whatever it takes to get a laugh.

"You have some people who just want to talk, and that's okay. I plan for that."

Mrs. Claus also warms up the crowd at the city of Terrace's children's party, reading them stories and playing games until the star attraction, Santa, arrives.

Norman says she really looks forward to dressing up as Mrs. Claus.

"I can be somebody else that I can't be, normally."

She also thinks people benefit from her example.

"If you can laugh at yourself, you'll feel a lot better."

## Celebrate a Life is growing

MORE PEOPLE than ever are turning out for an annual seasonal gathering held in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

Celebrate A Life, offers people a way to remember their loved one — and acknowledge their absence during the holidays, which are a time of conflicting emotions for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.

This year, 75 people attended this non-denominational ceremony, presented by the Terrace Hospice Society on Dec. 14.

It's a special time of re-

membering, music, readings and a candle-lighting ceremony that takes place as the names of the deceased are read aloud, society coordinator Lora Maki said.

Participants are also welcome to help decorate a tree with paper tags containing the name of their loved ones on them.

The evening is an emotional one, but it's an important opportunity for people to express how they really feel at a time of year when society pressures us to put on a happy, smiling face, Maki said.

"Some people have been coming for years. They take it quite to heart. They take the day off work. They mentally prepare. Other people may just come once, and that's enough for them."

The evening is growing in popularity, Maki says. Last year's Celebrate A Life drew about 50 people — a record attendance.

This year, Maki noticed a few local health care professionals expressed interest in attending as a way to recognize clients they've worked with.

The Terrace Hospice So-

ciety offers programs such as volunteer visits and a resource library filled with materials and free pamphlets on grief and related issues.

The society also offers a grief support group at least once a year, in addition to ongoing training for volunteers.

The office is located at 207-4650, Lazelle Ave., above the Terrace and District Credit Union and is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information on the hospice society or Celebrate A Life, please call 635-4811.

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that there is no risk whatsoever of people driving while under the influence of alcohol. If your host has organized a lift home for you either with a friend or by running you home themselves, accept graciously - remember if they didn't want to do it they wouldn't have offered.

Sgt. Don Murray, NCO I/C North Pacific Traffic Services advises that this year, motorists can expect to see increased traffic enforcement in a number of locations, in particular Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Terrace. Motorists and passengers are reminded to make arrangements for a safe ride home if they plan to consume liquor. Also wear their seatbelts at all times, as they are less likely to be injured or killed in a motor vehicle collision if they are wearing their seatbelts. Traffic Services will be working in partnership with your local detachment and other agencies to address Road Safety.



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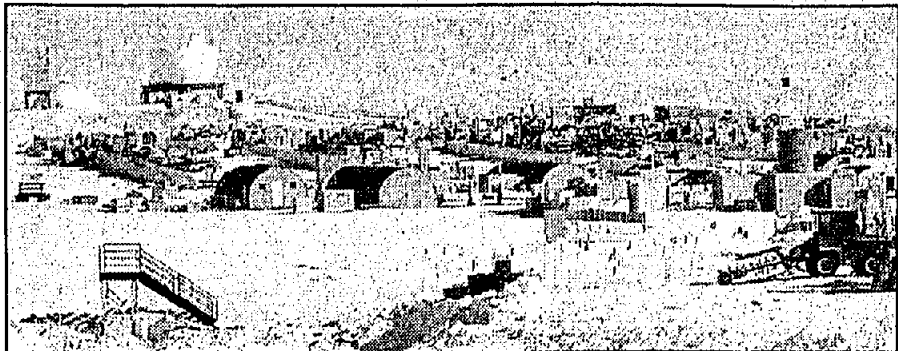
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AMUNDSEN-SCOTT station (left) at the South Pole looks like another world. It's sunny 24 hours a day there right now. Eric Duncan (below), from Terrace, has started one year of work there as a chef. He got the job advertised for Americans only because of his work experience in the Canada's North.

## Cool Yule in deep, deep south

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's from the Far Far South - Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica!

I have been here for a little over two weeks now and I am having a great time.

There is a lot to get used to, such as 24-hour sunlight and two-minute showers twice a week!

We put the tree up in the galley, a fake one of course - saves from it falling over and needles everywhere and a damp carpet from over filling the water dish, or was that just me!

In the kitchen we are busy making truffles, toffee, pie dough and cakes, among the many other things to feed 258 people two times on Christmas.

A few of the events that are going on around here is the race around the world (literally), a bingo, art shows and snow carving.

The Polies (as we are known) are in great spirits and most are ready to go home in February. Me, I will still be here another year through 24 hours of sunlight to 24 hours of darkness!

The South Pole is a unique place including the inaccessibility, its altitude (10,000 ft), 365 days a year of cold temperatures.

But something I find the coolest (no pun intended) is that we are the first and last people on the planet to have New Year's. The Pole (as it is known here) lies on all the lines of longitude, which means all the time zones, so we get 24 New Year's depending on where you are standing!

Though being away at Christmas - especially here has its good points (no fighting with the Christmas tree, no Christmas shopping), it is still a time you realize family is an important part of your life.

It would be great to hear some news from the outside.

My email is antarticonomad@hotmail.com. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's - whether you are having one New Year's or 24 of them!

**Eric Duncan**  
Amundsen-Scott Station  
Antarctica

**Editor's Note:** Eric Duncan, 22, is working as a cook at the South Pole Station. He arrived there earlier this month for a 13-month posting. For more photos of Eric at the pole, see the photo gallery at [www.terracestandard.com](http://www.terracestandard.com).



ERIC DUNCAN and other workers at the south pole are basking in the currently balmy summer temperatures of around -26. But -70 or colder won't be uncommon come July.



### Holiday Greetings

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year.



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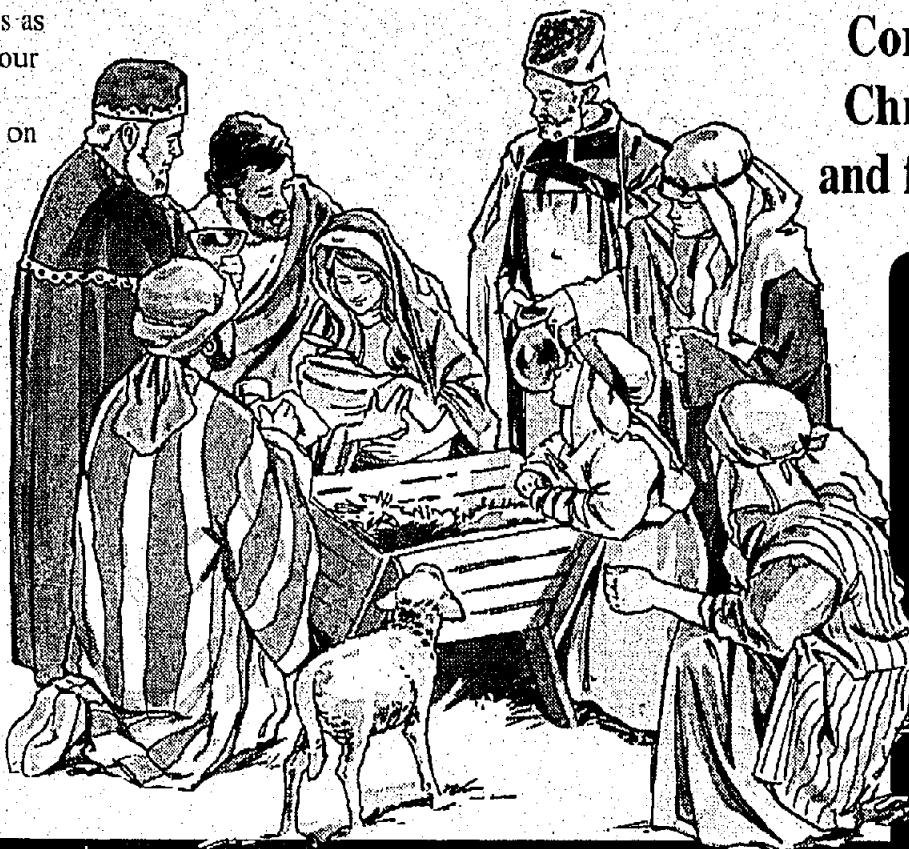
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Come celebrate with us as we honor the birth of our Lord.

From a lowly manger on Bethlehem  
He came to bring us eternal life.

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14



Come join the celebration this Christmas—bring your family and friends and worship with us!

### Terrace Alliance Church

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**Christmas Eve Service**  
6:30 p.m.  
Carols & Candlelight

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### St. Matthew's Anglican Church



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

December 24 7 p.m. Family Christmas Eucharist  
11:00 p.m. Festive Christmas Eucharist

December 25 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 26 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

4514 Lakelse Ave - 635-9019  
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### Terrace Pentecostal Assembly

3511 Eby St. (at Scott) - 635-2434

**Christmas Eve Service**  
DECEMBER 24  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**New Year's Eve Service**  
DECEMBER 31  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Jim Barber - Senior Pastor  
Lowell Holmquist - Asst. Pastor



### Terrace Christian Reformed Church

3602 Sparks St., Terrace 635-7207

Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Prepared by the Youth Service  
Christmas Day Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.  
New Years Eve Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.  
New Years Day Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Joel Ringma

### Knox United Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
DECEMBER 24

7:30 p.m.

Rev. Wally Hargrave

### Christ Lutheran Church

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** December 24 - 7 p.m.

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### Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Parish

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**Christmas & New Year's Masses**  
Christmas Eve Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. & Midnight  
Christmas Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Mass Dec. 26 - 11:00 a.m.  
New Year's Eve Dec. 31 - 6:30 p.m.  
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May you have a merry and blessed Christmas.